



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Title:	Sustainability Awareness	Date of Student Council:	2 nd April 2019
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Union Notes:

- The ARU Students' Union Environmental Policy states that: 'Anglia Ruskin Students' Union is committed to embedding sustainability into our organisation. This means that we will promote good environmental practice to staff and students, encourage them to engage with our commitment to environmental sustainability and highlight the positive benefits of being socially and sustainably responsible.'
- The University is currently writing a new sustainability strategy to commit the university to ambitious and environmentally friendly targets such as; further embedding sustainability within the curriculum, increased research output related to sustainability, reducing their carbon input and reducing other waster and energy use and develop relationships with the local community
- The SU has a policy surrounding travel and environmental impact promoting the use of carpooling and cycling to and from work (ARUSU Travel, Subsistence and Expenses Policy, May 2018)
- ARU has declared a climate emergency and ecological emergency and is planning to implement the new Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025 later this year
- Jerome Booth – Chair of the Board of Governors - has joined the Board of Trustees of the Global Warming Policy Foundation, a group of climate change sceptics
- The Students' Union has not yet declared a climate emergency
- Single use plastics are one of the biggest contributors to landfill and, in recent years, there has been a rise in Refill Shops where customers bring their own containers and pay a fixed charge per litre

Union Believes:

- The union believes that the amount of printing that gets done can continue to be reduced.
- The union believes that societies should also follow in the same sustainable view and reduce the amount of printing they do for their events as well as using the Green Fund to guide them to become greener.
- The union believe that both the university and the union should share the same view of the relevance of becoming for sustainable
- The climate emergency is the single biggest issue facing this generation
- No member of the Board of Governors or Senior Management should be part of, fund or endorse any work/research which speculates that climate change is not an issue or hold trusteeship or any directorial role within an organisation who do so.
- As an institution with sustainability at its forefront, we cannot allow any board or senior management to hold positions that contradict the sustainable values of ARU, ARUSU and its students
- The Union should be at the cutting edge of societal change and in order for the union to truly be able to hold the university to account, the union should also declare a climate emergency
- The Union should commit to being a more sustainable organisation

Union Resolves:

- The union will continue to reduce their printing by using less print outs in meetings as well as looking to limit the amount of printing that gets done during the election period.
- The union will continue to do events that promote sustainability as well as utilising the spaces that are available on campus

- The union will commit to no longer selling products in plastic bottles
- The union will continue to promote volunteering projects such as the use of the student led allotment 'The People's Patch' as well as working with charities in the local area who are also looking to improve sustainability.
- Where there are products in the Students' Union Shops that have a more sustainable alternative, they should choose alternatives, even if the profit margin is reduced
- To ensure that board and senior members hold values that are compatible with those of ARU and its students regarding the climate emergency
- The union will declare a climate emergency
- When seeking student feedback on Union activity we will include questions related to Social Responsibility and Sustainability (SRS).
- The Union will work with Responsible Futures each year to not only develop sustainability within the university but to also maintain our accreditation.
- Sustainability training will be available for students engaging with the Student's Union
- The union will support ARU to consider creating a refill station in the Coslett Shop where students can buy reusable containers and fill up products like washing up liquid, soap, surface cleaner etc.

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