

# ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Arts University Bournemouth is a creative community that is committed to and shares a passion for the disciplines of art, design, media and performance. The University recognises that its activities impact upon the environment of students, staff and visitors as well as the wider community through its infrastructure development, and day to day operations.

In providing a specialist high quality educational experience in art, design, media and performance the University is committed to focusing on embedding continuous environmental improvement. It is a responsible organisation that aims to be a centre of excellence in environmental management through engagement with the higher education sector and wider community to promote environmental best practice

## The University's commitment to implementing best environmental practice is demonstrated through:

- A commitment to the protection of the environment, including prevention of pollution
- A commitment to fulfil its compliance obligations
- A commitment to continual improvement of the environmental management system to enhance environmental performance
- The Sustainability Plan establishes and supports six immediate areas of focus:
  - Minimising emissions and utility usage
  - Sustainable resource management
  - Reducing emissions associated with travel
  - Managing the estate efficiently
  - Promoting biodiversity and Fairtrade
  - Developing staff and student awareness and engagement
- A commitment to reduce the University's carbon footprint and meet carbon reduction targets as set out in the University's Carbon Management Plan
- Meeting, and wherever possible exceeding, environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements
- Preventing pollution by reducing emissions and discharges alongside safe working practices
- Reducing our use of natural resources such as energy and water, and enhancing the contribution of energy efficient low carbon measures, recyclable components and renewables
- Implementing a long term waste management strategy to reduce overall waste production and maximise recycling

- Implementing a Travel Plan that highlights the various methods of travel to the University, encourages sustainable travel and minimizes single occupancy car use
- Ensuring new buildings are BREEAM standard or equivalent and along with refurbishments take into account sustainable construction and usage principles
- Promoting environmental awareness amongst staff, students and stakeholders
- Implementing a Sustainable Procurement Policy and strategy that favours sustainable procurement and ensures suppliers and contractors support our Environmental Policy when supplying goods and services to the University
- Encouraging the integration of environmental issues into the curriculum and research, and helping students develop their environmental understanding and awareness
- Implementing a Biodiversity Action Plan that helps increase the net biodiversity value on campus and the surrounding area

An annual review of this Policy

Signed:



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