

ENVIRONMENT **POLICY**

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

In providing a specialist high-quality educational experience, we're committed to focusing on embedding continuous environmental improvement. We're 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.

Our commitment to implementing environmental best 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 and Net Zero programme establishes and supports our Net Zero pledge with six immediate areas of focus:
 - Energy and Water
 - Sustainable Resource Management
 - Travel
 - Sustainable Campus
 - Biodiversity
 - Social Justice
- A commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and meet carbon reduction targets as set out in our Sustainability and Net Zero programme
- 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 our campus, encourages sustainable travel and minimises single-occupancy car use
- Ensuring new buildings are Net Zero, BREEAM standard or equivalent and along with refurbishments take into account sustainable construction and usage principles
- Promoting environmental awareness and engagement 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
- Encouraging the integration of environmental issues into the curriculum and research, and helping students develop their environmental understanding and awareness
- Increase net biodiversity value on campus and the surrounding area
- An annual review of this Policy

Signed:



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