

ENVIRONMENTAL 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 day to day operations, and infrastructure development

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:

- The Environmental Management System (in line with ISO 14001:2015) seeks to manage environmental risks and continuously improve environmental performance.
- The Sustainability Plan establishes and supports five immediate areas of focus:
 - Minimising carbon emissions
 - Managing the use of finite resources
 - Reducing emissions associated with travel
 - Managing the estate efficiently
 - Developing staff and student awareness and engagement
- Our commitment to reducing the University's carbon footprint and meeting 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
- Ensuring 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 Sustainable Procurement Policy and strategy that favours sustainable procurement practice when purchasing goods and services
- Implementing a Biodiversity Policy and/or Action Plan that helps increase the biodiversity on campus and the surrounding area

An annual review of this Policy

Signed:

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