

Environmental Policy Statement 2015

University of the Arts London consists of six internationally renowned colleges, Camberwell college of Arts, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London College of Communication, London College of Fashion and Wimbledon College of Art.

The University's mission is to be at the forefront of learning, creativity and practice in creative arts. Comprising more than 18,000 students from over 100 countries, the University offers a range of academic programmes from further education through to undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees.

The University aims to promote talent, creativity and intellectual excellence in an organisational culture assisting staff and students to develop and commercially advance their abilities and ideas. It works to provide a bridge between higher education and professional practice, serving creative economy.

The University wishes to:

- Minimise the adverse environmental impact of the delivery of its services with specific targets;
- Better manage its resources taking into account environmental impact;
- Institute environmental best practice procedures throughout the University;
- Continually improve its environmental impact performance; and
- Contribute generally to the improvement of the local, national and global environment.

The University shall endeavour so far as it deems reasonably practicable to:

- Comply with UK environmental legislation and guidelines;
- Take note and account of EU environmental guidelines;
- Promote sound environmental management policies and practices throughout the University including the reaccreditation of the ISO50001 standard (energy management);
- Strive towards continual improvement in reducing the adverse environmental impact caused through the provision of its educational operations.
- Implement an Environmental Management System (the LiFE system). A minimum silver rating should be achieved no later than the end of 2014/15 covering Learning, Teaching & Research, Estates & Operations, Leadership and Business Engagement & Procurement.
- Ensure efficient, environmentally responsible use of resources, particularly energy and water.
- Promote environmentally responsible procurement of the acquisition of goods and services for its use;
- Apply proper principles of good waste management with a view to reduce, reuse, recycle, recover and/or dispose of waste products;
- Promote and encourage the reduction of pollution;
- Minimise the impact of travel on the environment, for example by promoting the use of public transport, cycling and walking;

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- Giving preference to products and services that cause less harm to the environment in maintaining the University's estate;
- Minimise adverse environmental impact in decommissioning and disposing of University assets;
- Examine opportunities to enhance curricula throughout the University with a view to bring into account the importance of environmental considerations within art, design, communication and performance.
- Raise awareness of staff and students of the University's environmental impact, activities and performance as well as to promote individual good practice in the use of the University premises;
- Be open in the communication, both internally and externally, about the University's environmental performance; and bi-annually update this policy.

Aims and Objectives

Environmental Management, via our Environmental Management System

- To promote sound environmental management policies and practices throughout the University
- As a minimum, to comply with the requirements of relevant legislation.
- To reduce and, where practicable, prevent pollution.
- To adopt targets for improving environmental performance.
- To ensure a sound understanding of current environmental performance.

Carbon Reduction

- To implement a carbon reduction strategy, including the efficient use of energy.
- To reduce greenhouse gas emissions Scope 1, 2 and 3 by 22% by 2016 (based on a 12/13 baseline), and then in-line with HEFCE targets thereafter.
- Ensure the Energy Performance Contract is implied in full by 2015/16 (value of £1.5M). Energy conservation measures with a payback period of 5.5 years will be considered
- To ensure the uptake of low carbon technologies in buildings and equipment.
- Consumption to be captured via the UAL Carbon Dashboard and communicated via www.ualcarbondashboard.com.

Water

- To make efficient and environmentally responsible use of water, including identifying opportunities for water reuse. Consumption to be captured via the UAL Carbon Dashboard and communicated via www.ualcarbondashboard.com.
- To reduce consumption by 5% by 2016 (based on 12/13 baseline)

Sustainable Procurement

- To promote life cycle thinking in the procurement of goods and services.
- To work with suppliers to promote sustainable resource management practices.
- To appraise our supply chain for their individual sustainability credentials via the Chartered Institute of Procurement Specialists Sustainability Index. Our current suppliers will be appraised no later than September 2014. A minimum threshold of performance will be agreed no later than the end of 2014.

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Waste reduction and Recycling

- To continue to send zero waste to landfill and annual refresh general waste and mixed recycling internal bins.
- To minimise the adverse environmental impacts of the decommissioning and disposal of University assets.
- To increase the rate of recycling of all appropriate materials based on life-cycle principles.
- To implement sustainable resource management practices, based on reduce, reuse and recycle principles.
- Waste generated to be captured via the UAL Carbon Dashboard and communicated via www.ualcarbondashboard.com.

Transport

- To implement UAL Travel Plan and sustainable travel practices across all activities with the aim of achieving the University's carbon reduction targets.
- Being an urban based University which is split across London, most staff and students use public transport, cycle or walk. We will therefore focus on reducing emissions from business transport by 22% by 2016, in-line with the Carbon Management Plan

University Estate

- To develop and implement a University estate strategy based on sound environmental and sustainability principles. This will be captured and distributed via the UAL 'Design Brief for Sustainability'. This includes all buildings over £1M securing BREEAM 'outstanding' and all refurbishments over £0.5M to achieve SKA 'gold'.
- To manage the University estate with a view to enhancement of biodiversity wherever possible.
- To require a sustainable construction plan for any new University development and refurbishment project.

Awareness and Training

- To communicate internally and externally the University's environmental objectives and performance. This will be led by the Chair of the Sustainability & Environment Project Board
- To raise awareness of staff and students of the University's environmental impact, activities and performance and good practice.
- To provide appropriate environmental educational programmes for staff and students.
- To encourage and facilitate feedback and suggestions on ensuring good practice.
- All Facilities Assistants will be trained to Low Energy Company level 1, as defined by the Energy Managers Association.

Evaluation of Environmental Policy

- To undertake a regular review of environmental management procedures and activities to ensure suitability adequacy and effectiveness. This will be reported to Sustainability & Environment Project Board.

Responsibilities

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The overall responsibility for implementation of this policy lies with the University Rector.

The Sustainability & Environment Project Board shall assume responsibility for ensuring compliance with the University's Environmental Policy within their area of control.

Deputy Rectors, Heads of Colleges, Directors and Heads of Functions are responsible for ensuring compliance with University Environment Policy within areas of control.

The University will actively monitor the performance of all activities in the implementation of the aims and objectives of this policy in the activities under their control.

Whilst the University accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, individuals have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment. Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.

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