

Bloomsbury Colleges Environmental Sustainability Policy

At the Bloomsbury Colleges we recognize that our activities have an impact on the environment. Our environmental objectives are to ensure that this impact is minimized, that the Colleges grow and develop in a sustainable way and that continuous improvement in environmental performance is embedded into our business model and the culture of our Institutions.

The Colleges are committed to achieving best practice standards for higher education establishments wherever practicable and ensure our response is commensurate to the urgency of the climate crisis.

To this end we will:

- maintain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) certification in order to ensure that the environmental impact across the Colleges including associated risks is monitored, controlled and minimized, and that we continue to make improvements;
- comply fully with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and agreements;
- support and encourage initiatives that protects the environment and prevents pollution to our water, air and land ecosystems;
- minimize the impact and use of natural resources by reducing water use, preventing pollution, reusing materials, recycling and reducing waste production and improving sustainability in catering operations;
- Commit to setting suitably ambitious emissions targets and implementing systemic changes required to meet the challenges of climate change and respond to the climate emergency. This will entail:
 - reducing carbon emissions relating to energy use, including heat decarbonisation planning, and progressively decreasing the carbon intensity of other key operations like ITS
 - reducing emissions related to business travel and commuting and support sustainable modes of travel
 - reducing emissions related to our supply chain for goods and services through sustainable procurement practices
 - managing our property portfolio in a manner that maximises resources and reduces environmental impact, including adopting sustainable refurbishment/construction standards where possible;
- promote environmental responsibility and climate change awareness amongst all staff and students through promotional campaigns and environmental initiatives;
- engage with other institutions and the wider community to collaborate on combating climate change and share environmental best practice and demonstrate environmental responsibility

This policy will be reviewed annually. The Head of Sustainability is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policy and that the human and financial resources required for its implementation are in place. Our EMS will provide the thrust for the policy implementation. The objectives, tasks and/or targets and procedures set within the EMS will ensure that policy statements are realized and will also form the basis for the independent audit of performance, enabling effective assessment of progress against targets and sector standards.

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**Matt Lee, (COO) – on behalf of London School of Hygiene
and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM),**

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**Keith Harrison, (College Secretary) – on behalf of
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**Khadir Meer, (COO) – on behalf of SOAS, University of
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