



Environmental Matters Policy

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1. Statement

London Waterloo College is committed to protecting the environment through sustainable practices. We are fully committed to improving environmental performance across all our business activities and we encourage our staff, students and partners to join in the effort.

To this end, we will:

- 1.1 provide an appropriate management framework for the continual improvement and adaption to new technologies and ideas;
- 1.2 Establish and work to achieving operational targets and key performance indicators that will monitor our improvement;
- 1.3 annually report and communicate our environmental performance;
- 1.4 establish and monitor programs to improve and meet the operational targets set; and
- 1.5 set responsibilities and accountability for environmental issues.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the staff, students and the wider community at London Waterloo College.

3. Operational Targets

The College will set reasonable targets for improvement in the following areas:

- 3.1 reduction of carbon dioxide (and other greenhouse gas emissions);
- 3.2 reduction in the quantity of waste produced and effective recycling of appropriate materials;
- 3.3 reduction of electricity use through staff student initiatives and College projects;
- 3.4 reduction in water use through staff student initiatives and College projects;

4. Responsibilities

4.1 *Leadership and Management*

4.1.1 Promote and support sustainable development principles across the organisation:

- 4.1.1.1 strategic planning;

4.1.1.2 premises and resources;

4.1.1.3 curriculum; and

4.1.1.4 targeted staff CPD and student induction

4.1.2 Encourage sustainable procurement to reduce the environmental impact of any procurement and maximise the use of existing College resources.

4.1.3 Embed sustainability into the strategic planning processes and monitor progress.

4.1.4 Improve awareness and understanding of environmental issues and sustainable development in the College and encourage students to be active participants in environmental initiatives.

4.1.5 Work with the local community, public and private sector organisations to improve the local environment and promote sustainable development.

4.2 *Estates and Facilities*

4.2.1 Monitor and reduce energy, water and waste. This is done using existing College monitoring tools and procedures to effectively manage and improve.

4.2.2 Work towards operational targets set for the reduction of energy and water consumption.

4.2.3 Embed the principles of sustainability in the extension and upgrade of the premises

4.3 *Curriculum*

4.3.1 Discourage energy and water waste and encourage effective recycling.

4.3.2 Encourage the Student Union to run initiatives that will promote sustainability.

4.3.3 Actively encourage a culture where students and staff respect the College environment and actively assist in meeting its environmental responsibilities.

5. Monitoring and accountability

5.1 *Environment and Sustainability Monitoring*

Monitoring is done by the Senior Management Team who comment on and will monitor progress, making recommendations for changes. The group is comprised of staff and a student representative.

5.2 Accountability

Reporting on progress:

5.2.1 annual reports on environmental and sustainability matters will be presented to Senior Leadership Team; and

5.2.2 progress will be compared to targets set out and progress achieved in the previous academic year and will presented to the SMT annually.

6. Impacts

The impact of recycling and reducing waste together with reduction of energy and water use will have cost implications that can be both positive and negative. The initial cost of energy efficient initiatives can be higher, but will often be offset by the reduction in utility costs and improved environmental impact.

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