

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to the University of South Wales Group. The group is comprised of the University of South Wales (USW), which has campuses at Pontypridd (Treforest and Glyntaff), Cardiff (the Atrium), and Newport City; as well as The College Merthyr Tydfil and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. The founder institutions of the University of South Wales have been involved in higher education for more than 100 years and the USW Group continues this involvement and acknowledges the role stakeholders, staff, students and visitors have to play in protecting the environment in all its activities and across all its sites.

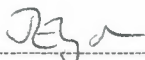
This Environmental Policy reflects the aims and objectives of both the regional and institutional strategies of the Group, and the environmental strategies of the Welsh Government. It is designed to assist the Welsh Government in achieving its mission for Wales.

In pursuing its' educational and research objectives the Group accepts its responsibility to reduce, wherever possible, its negative impacts upon the environment. To achieve this, the Group has an Environmental Management system certified to ISO 14001:2004. The scope currently only includes the Estates and Facilities functions across the group. However the aim is to extend this to cover all other areas, both academic and support as soon as practically possible. The Group aims to:

- Maintain and improve the current environmental management system and processes to ensure high environmental standards.
- Minimise the Group's significant negative environmental impacts that result from energy, water, waste, transport, procurement, construction and refurbishment, emissions and discharges, community involvement and biodiversity. The Group will look at the risks and opportunities of these.
- Raise environmental awareness amongst students, staff and other interested parties, providing information and guidance to help it achieve continual improvement and enhance the group's environmental performance.
- Adhere to a programme of continuous improvement through realistic objectives and targets.
- Regularly monitor and feedback progress towards these objectives and targets.
- Meet the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and compliance obligations. Work to meet the requirements of other specific commitments relevant to the group such as Carbon Management Plan, the Carbon Reduction Commitment and the Green Score Card.
- Use resources efficiently by discouraging wasteful practices
- Reduce and, where practicable prevent, pollution.
- Work with and assist customers / students, clients, and persons working under the organisations control to develop a concerned approach to protecting the environment.
- Encourage visitors to adhere to the group's environmental processes.
- Adopt sustainable practices to identify and manage the environmental, social and economic impacts of future developments and growth within the Group.
- Carry out regular audits and reviews to ensure that the environmental policy, Strategy and management system is being fulfilled.
- Aim to consider the Environmental Strategy in both present and future decisions considering a lifecycle perspective.

This policy will be communicated to Students and Staff and other interested parties via the internet. The policy will be made available to persons working on behalf of the Group via the site safety induction.

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