

1. Preamble

- 1.1. Cardiff Met Students' Union (herein known as the SU) its affiliated clubs, societies and student membership have a significant impact on the local and global environment.
- 1.2. The SU notes the impact that our members have and the importance of the pivotal role we play in encouraging sustainability amongst our members.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. The SU recognises that our activities, services and products can have an impact on the environment.
- 2.2. As part of our commitment to sustainability, we believe that managing the environmental and ethical implications of our activities should be an integral part of good management practice and responsible corporate governance.
- 2.3. Through our actions, we will actively seek to achieve continual improvements of our measurement and responses to reducing the environmental impacts, and actively communicate this to all of our students and other stakeholders.

3. The SU will;

- 3.1. Promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation and communicate and implement this policy at all levels within the workforce.
- 3.2. Reduce the use of energy, water and other resources
- 3.3. Minimise waste by reductions, re-use and recycling methods
- 3.4. Comply with all relevant environmental legislation / regulation
- 3.5. Ensure that our policy and services are developed in a way that is complimentary to this policy
- 3.6. Identify and provide appropriate training, advice and information for staff and encourage them to develop new ideas and initiatives
- 3.7. Provide appropriate resources to meet the commitments of this policy
- 3.8. Promote and encourage involvement in local environmental initiatives / schemes

4. How;

- 4.1. The SU will attend and participate in the Cardiff Met University Sustainability Group
- 4.2. The SU has created a Part time Officer role – Environmental Officer
- 4.3. The SU will review its suppliers and their supply chain and ethical and environmental policy
- 4.4. The SU are investigating the application process and criteria for the Green Impact award
- 4.5. The SU will set up a steering group led by its part time Environmental Officer to identify actions and initiatives that we can address and contribute to the sustainability policy.
- 4.6. The SU will seek further ways to improve their local environmental initiatives/schemes
- 4.7. The SU will renew its “The Social Enterprise Mark Award”
- 4.8. The SU will work with Cardiff Council – Student Liaison Officer to ensure we contribute to their community initiatives and our agreed action plan
- 4.9. The SU will be part of the University Management System ISO14001
- 4.10. The SU will endeavour to continue & improve our practises on our internal & external audits for IS14001
- 4.11. The SU will continue with the Cardiff Met Award which recognises extra-curricular activities and one area to develop being “Sustainable Thinking”
- 4.12. Further to this “Sustainability Policy” we will continue to lead on the Cardiff Met & Cardiff Met SU Fairtrade Policy

5. We will seek to;

- 5.1. Update and promote the dedicated sustainability pages on the Union website
- 5.2. Collaborate with the University’s Sustainability team to publish joint messages for each party and deliver events in partnerships
- 5.3. Actively raise awareness of our projects and plans through events held by the Union throughout the year
- 5.4. Support the University where possible to raise awareness of the University and SU joint initiatives

6. Contacts

- 6.1.** If you have any questions regarding the policy or the sustainable initiatives carried out by the SU you can contact us on:

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