

Annex i: Swansea University Sustainability Policy 2020

Swansea University is involved in innovative research activity with profound implications for the understanding and stewardship of the local, national, and global environment. This includes low carbon projects that will play a significant part in driving the UK towards more decarbonised energy systems, environmental and energy law, climate change and glaciology, biodiversity and conservation and sustainable aquaculture. This research is a major contribution that the University makes to addressing global sustainability challenges. With an annual turnover in excess of **£350m**, a community of almost 20,000 students and over 3000 staff, we also recognise the need to manage our operations on a sustainable basis and that this is the responsibility of us all. We have committed to carbon neutrality in our buildings by 2040, recognising the climate emergency that we, and future generations, face. This Sustainability Policy will be reviewed annually, made available to the public and all interested parties and communicated to all students and staff of the University.

Swansea University commits to:

1. Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from University operations.
2. Reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy).
3. Encourage active and sustainable travel practices by staff, students and visitors.
4. Demonstrate sustainable approaches to the built environment in our construction, refurbishment and maintenance projects.
5. Promote biological diversity on sites that the University manages or owns.
6. Minimise waste production and divert waste from being sent for energy recovery, viewing waste as a resource, promoting waste prevention, prioritising re-use, and increasing recycling.
7. Protect the environment through prevention of pollution and other specific commitments relevant to the context of the organisation.
8. Embed sustainable and ethical approaches into the procurement of University goods and services.
9. Promote education for sustainable development (ESD) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) throughout formal and informal curricula.
10. Support more sustainable knowledge, skills and behaviours throughout the University, and wider, community.
11. Work with the Students Union and other partners to enhance the sustainability of the University.
12. Adapt to climate change, ensuring resilience and continuity of operations and services.
13. Fulfil our environmental compliance obligations.
14. Set, monitor, and review relevant objectives and demonstrate continual improvement in our environmental performance.



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