

Anglia Ruskin University

Over the last decade Anglia Ruskin University has consolidated its position in the East of England and is now ready to build on this success. In the next five years we will expand and improve our physical facilities, deliver a flexible curriculum that continues to exceed expectation and build new regional partnerships with commerce, the public sector, local communities and industry.

Environmental Policy Statement

Anglia Ruskin recognises that its daily activities may result in adverse impacts on the Environment. We will implement an appropriate Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure that as a minimum legal compliance is met if not surpassed. Where practical it will aim to eliminate or minimise the adverse environmental impacts and prevent pollution. It will through the EMS continue to improve its environmental performance and regularly review this policy, setting appropriate objectives and targets.

Anglia Ruskin University will through the introduction of an Environmental Management System:

1. Commit to meet statutory environmental compliance and other relevant codes of practice and where practical seek to surpass them.
2. Actively manage within its means energy and water consumption across the Estate to seek to ensure that optimum efficiencies are realised, waste eliminated and carbon emissions reduced.
3. Introduce progressive waste management procedures to seek to minimise waste to landfill by increasing recycling and re-use rates.
4. Improve site accessibility and reduce reliance on the car by implementing measures that reduce the need to travel and encourage greater patronage for walking, cycling, car-sharing and public transport use.
5. Introduce a procurement strategy that seeks to deliver value for money and supports the energy and water efficiency, waste minimisation, sustainable travel and carbon reduction initiatives.
6. Encourage all contractors, suppliers and third parties to take active pragmatic steps to ensure that their services, products and activities do not breach our environmental objectives.
7. Ensure that all new build/refurbishments minimise their environmental impact during the construction phase, attain as a minimum a 'Very Good' rating under BREEAM and are cost efficient to run through energy and water savings.
8. Maintain our landscapes in a cost effective manner which delivers high amenity value and supports biodiversity and wildlife.
9. Increase the integration of sustainable development into the curriculum and in practice through day to day operational activities and influence student behaviour.
10. Raise awareness amongst stakeholders of this Environmental Policy and our commitment to improving its environmental performance.
11. Regularly review environmental performance, set targets and produce a report for inclusion in our annual report.

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