



University of Roehampton - Environmental Sustainability Policy

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1. Introduction

At University of Roehampton, we recognise our responsibility to operate in an environmentally sustainable manner and contribute to the well-being of the planet. This Sustainability Policy Statement outlines our commitment to environmental sustainability in accordance with the ISO 14001 standard. By implementing this policy, we aim to minimise our environmental impact, promote sustainability practices, and foster a culture of environmental stewardship within our university community and all our activities.

2. Scope of policy

- **Legal and Regulatory Compliance:** We are committed to complying with all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements related to our operations. We will monitor and review our compliance regularly and take necessary actions to ensure adherence to environmental legislation.
- **Environmental Management System (EMS):** We will establish, implement, and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) that conforms to the ISO 14001 standard. The EMS will provide a framework for identifying and managing environmental risks, setting objectives and targets, and continuously improving our environmental performance.
- **Resource Conservation:** We will promote the efficient use of resources throughout our university operations. This includes minimising resource consumption such as energy usage, reducing water usage, and managing waste in a responsible manner. We will strive to incorporate renewable and sustainable energy sources into our facilities, encourage recycling and composting, and implement programs to reduce water consumption.
- **Pollution Prevention:** We are committed to preventing pollution and minimising our environmental footprint. We will implement measures to identify, assess, and control environmental hazards associated with our activities, products, and services. This includes reducing emissions, managing hazardous substances safely, and minimising the release of pollutants into the air, water, and soil.
- **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Protection:** We recognise the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems in maintaining a healthy planet. We will take steps to protect and enhance biodiversity within our campus and surrounding areas. This includes preserving natural habitats, promoting native plant and animal species, and engaging in initiatives that support conservation and ecological restoration.
- **Sustainable Procurement:** We will integrate sustainability considerations into our procurement processes. This involves sourcing environmentally friendly products and services, considering life cycle assessments, supporting suppliers with strong sustainability practices, and promoting fair trade and ethical sourcing wherever possible.
- **Stakeholder Engagement and Education:** We will actively engage and collaborate with our stakeholders, including students, staff, faculty, local communities, and external partners, to foster a culture of sustainability. We will provide education, training, and awareness programs to promote sustainable practices, empower individuals to act, and encourage participation in sustainability initiatives such as “GrowHampton” administered by Roehampton Students’ Union.

- **Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to continuously improving our environmental performance. We will regularly monitor, measure, and evaluate our sustainability initiatives, objectives, and targets. By conducting audits and reviews, we will identify areas for improvement, implement corrective actions, and strive for excellence in our environmental management practices.
- **Communication and Reporting:** We will maintain open and transparent communication channels to share information on our sustainability efforts with our university community and external stakeholders. We will report on our progress, achievements, and challenges related to environmental sustainability, and seek feedback and input to drive further improvement. The Environmental Sustainability Committee and University Executive Board will provide senior leadership oversight to ensure that this policy and related implementation plan is implemented.
- **Review and Update:** We will periodically review and update this Sustainability Policy Statement to ensure its ongoing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness. We will align our policies and practices with emerging best practices, relevant legislation, and stakeholder expectations to drive continuous advancement in environmental sustainability.

By adhering to this Sustainability Policy Statement, University of Roehampton demonstrates its commitment to environmental sustainability and contributes to a greener, more sustainable future for all.