



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Introduction

University of Glasgow recognises that its activities may have effects on the environment. This Environmental Policy has been produced to affirm the University's commitment to environmental issues and to demonstrate its intention to address those issues through continual improvement in environmental practices.

2. Environmental Policy Statement

In its commitment to excellence in research and teaching the University of Glasgow will: Ensure legislative compliance, and, where practicable, exceed this minimum requirement by incorporating sound environmental management policies and practice into the work of all academic and administrative departments.

3. Specific Aims

- Promote a purchasing policy that will give preference, where practicable, to those products and services that cause the least harm to the environment.
- Reduce the consumption of fossil fuels by reducing loads, by improving the energy efficiency of lighting, power, heating and ventilation systems, and by the environmentally sensitive design of new and refurbished buildings.
- Avoid the unnecessary use of hazardous substances and processes, and take all reasonable steps to prevent damage to the public or the environment where such activities are essential.
- Develop efficient waste management and recycling procedures throughout the University and use recyclable and recycled materials wherever practicable.
- Promote an awareness of environmental consequences in the use of University transport.
- Maintain and conserve the University's Estate to protect natural habitats and provide an environment that is of benefit to staff, students and the local community.
- Collaborate with appropriate external organisations to improve our understanding of environmental problems and their solutions.
- Develop a portfolio of environmentally relevant undergraduate and postgraduate courses building on those courses currently offered.