

Students' Union Environmental Policy

As part of our commitment to issues of sustainability the University of Gloucestershire Students' Union recognises that all its activities, products and services impact on the environment. We believe that managing the environmental implications of our activities is an integral part of good management practice and responsible corporate governance, and in particular we are committed to applying the following principles to our activities:

- Complying with and, where appropriate, exceeding, applicable legal and other requirements which relate to our environmental aspects wherever we operate.
- Establishing clearly defined objectives and targets that address the environmental issues relevant to our operations to ensure continual improvement in our environmental performance.
- Preventing pollution and reducing the consumption of resources (energy, fuel, water, & materials) wherever practical and appropriate.
- Re-using equipment where possible, increasing recycling and promoting the use of recycled materials.
- Promoting sustainable forms of transport.
- Disposing of materials in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Ensuring sustainable development and environmental issues are considered in the design and introduction of new activities, products, services or facilities in order to minimise adverse impacts and improve environmental performance.
- Setting an example and furthering our relationship with the community at large to progress sustainable development and environmental initiatives and to exchange best practice.
- Seeking ways to improve the environmental performance of our major suppliers and other business partners.
- Providing support, information and training to Students' Union staff on sustainable development and environmental issues.
- Monitoring, auditing, reviewing and reporting on our environmental performance, and seeking to improve on that performance in the light of experience, developments in best practice and the evolving environmental agenda.
- Engaging in dialogue with, and disclosing information to, interested parties on our environmental performance and issues of the local or global environment.
- Fully implementing this policy and providing the necessary resources.