



## Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement (ENU-EMS-3)

Edinburgh Napier University is committed to incorporating the principles of environmental sustainability in all aspects of institutional planning and operations throughout the institution.

Edinburgh Napier is a multi-campus University predominantly based within the City of Edinburgh. 1,864<sup>[A]</sup> academic and professional staff support an array of research and knowledge transfer, undergraduate and postgraduate courses to 17,835<sup>[A]</sup> students throughout three faculties: The Business School; Faculty of Engineering, Computing & Creative & Industries; Faculty of Health, Life & Social Sciences.

The University will encourage all staff and students to support these principles, and will seek in addition to engage external agencies and organisations in this agenda.

The University will also aim to capitalise on its academic and professional expertise to help ensure that there is effective communication with and support from the wider community in pursuing these goals.

In particular, the University intends with the support of EcoCampus to gain ISO14001 accreditation by January 2015 by further improving its environmental management systems, including its Carbon Management Programme.

In order to achieve this the University is committed to the continual improvement of its environmental performance. The following areas have been prioritised for action:

### General Actions

- Promote the importance of education for sustainable development through teaching, research and knowledge transfer activities, in addition to improving our management performance.
- Build partnerships both within and out-with the University to provide leadership and visible commitment in order to encourage the spread of sustainable approaches.
- Ensure that all students, staff and visitors are aware of our corporate environmental work so that they can make informed personal decisions to reduce their own environmental impact.
- Reduce our overall carbon emissions by 35% over the period from 2006 to 2015.

### Biodiversity

- Protect and enhance the biological and environmental quality of all campuses.
- Integrate all activities with the Local Biodiversity Action Plan, managed by The City of Edinburgh Council.

### Energy

- Develop and operate responsible energy management practices through reducing consumption of fossil fuels whilst investigating and utilising new renewable technologies.

### Procurement and Building Maintenance

- Maintain, develop and operate the entire University estate in a sustainable manner.
- Aim to purchase ethical and environmentally-considerate products and services where possible, minimising the use of damaging substances and processes.

### Transport

- Promote alternatives to single car occupancy and unnecessary domestic and international air travel.
- Maintain an environmentally-considerate Travel Plan covering all staff, students and visitors to the University.

### Waste, including Emissions and Discharges

- Ensure there are sufficient facilities to allow students, staff and visitors to reduce, reuse and recycle waste with the aim of minimising the amount of waste ultimately sent to landfill.
- Control emissions and discharges, to minimise and where possible prevent pollution and negative environmental impact.

### Water

- Maintain a water conservation programme to reduce consumption and wastage.
- Invest in technology and infrastructure that helps to reduce consumption and wastage.

This Policy covers all areas of the University. All work will be carried out in partnership with a wide array of internal and external partners and organisations to ensure that all activities, procedures and working practices match national priorities and meet or exceed legal and other requirements and industry standards.

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[A] Statistics from <http://www.joomag.com/magazine/facts-and-amp-figures-guide-2013-14/0210388001395841955> 06/08/14.