



Ethics, Environment and Sustainability Policy

Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union

Statement of intent

Hull University Students' Union recognises that the services we provide and actions we take have an impact on the environment, both locally and globally. The Union has a responsibility to ensure it operates in a responsible manner with regards to its environmental impact and ethical obligations and complies with all relevant legislation.

Hull University Students' Union has formally recognised and declared that we are living in a climate emergency, and is committed to improving our sustainability processes, impact and increasing the positive effect our organisation has on the environment.

Through continuous review and monitoring the union aims to show a continuous improvement in its actions, behaviours and initiatives.

Policy Principles

- To advise upon, keep under review and promote the Students' Union's policies of environmental standards;
- To ensure that staff members of the Students' Union are kept informed of their obligations under the Ethics, Environment and Sustainability Policy to ensure that environmental impact of activity is factored into organisational decisions;
- To monitor and continually improve the implementation of the policy and our environmental performance;
- To ensure that the Union strategy has a clear aim to continually improve and reduce the environmental impacts of our activities;
- To work collaboratively with the University on environmental issues and lobby where needed.

Campaigning:


To be decided by the Student Climate Action Group each year, the following campaigns shall be worked upon:

- Lobbying to have Ecosia on all systems across campus
- Lobby the University to divest from fossil fuels
- Campaign for greater recycling facilities across campus
- Campaign for great biodiversity across campus
- Promote the Students' Union Green Week

Additional Policies:

The Students' Union recognise that there are a number of areas to focus upon and therefore have the following policies:

- Waste Management Policy
- Energy and Water Management Policy

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- Sustainable Purchasing Policy
 - Sustainable Travel Policy

Student Groups

The Students' Union will ensure that all student groups are aware of opportunities to reduce their environmental impact, and, where possible, will assist them in becoming more sustainable.

Management of the Policy

Overall responsibility for the implementation of the Ethics, Environment and Sustainability Policy lies with the Board of Trustees and with this responsibility being delegated to the Chief Executive, Senior Management Team and President Team on a day-to-day basis. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it is up-to-date, relevant and promotes environmental consideration in our day-to-day business decisions.

The Students' Union will have a Climate Action Group for students, made up of the Students' Union President, students (and relevant staff members when invited) and an Organisational Sustainability Steering Group made up of HUSU staff members (and relevant University staff members when invited).

The Student Climate Action Group will review the policy once a year to ensure campaigning activity is up-to-date and relevant.

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