

Environmental Policy

Queen Mary University of London is a Russell Group University and one of the UK's leading research-focused higher education institutions. We offer our students a stimulating, supportive and high-quality learning experience, and we have a strong vision, mission and values focused on 'opening the doors of opportunity' and being the most inclusive research-intensive university in the world by 2030.

We are a global university with students and staff from over 160 countries. We will continue to use this privileged position to deliver outstanding student and staff experiences that is underpinned by the principles of sustainable development and good environmental practices. In addition, we will continue to embed the principles of sustainable development into the way we deliver teaching, research, consultancy, and other associated activities and engage with all stakeholders along with add value to our communities.

Our research directly feeds into our teaching. Students of law study climate change law and policy, our mathematicians model and predict the progression of environmental change, and our engineers, geographers, biologists and other scientists learn and research about mitigations. Every student at Queen Mary has the opportunity to undertake project work, and many work in multi-disciplinary teams on sustainability issues, under the leadership of our academic staff. Our students are passionate about sustainability, and are working with us to co-create our curricula and develop their own research.

This policy statement covers all activities across all our UK and Malta campuses.

We are committed to continue to improve our environmental performance and reduce our environmental impact. We commit to:

- Integrating the principles of sustainable development across all areas of our operations and academic programmes
- Protecting the environment, including prevention of pollution as well as ensure that we comply with the remits of our trade effluent permits
- Responding to adverse impacts of climate change through our operations, teaching, research and collaborations
- Delivering our six-year, 30% carbon reduction target against our 2018/19 baseline and long-term net zero aspiration by 2050
- Implementing energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures across our campuses as well as exploring all relevant sources of renewable energy generation
- Exploring and implementing initiatives that reduce the environmental and public health impacts of our travel and transportation in line with our six-year, 30% carbon reduction target
- Implementing water efficiency measures and promoting the benefits of water efficiency to reduce water use across our campuses in line with our six-year, 30% carbon reduction target
- Developing a sustainable procurement guide by July 2022 as well as continue to embedding environmental specifications into all relevant aspects of our procurement and commissioning processes
- Achieving 'Excellent' and 'Very Good' ratings from the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) for all major new builds and refurbishment projects respectively
- Integrate the principles and applications of sustainable food into our catering and conferencing services
- Developing our biodiversity action plan by July 2022, improving the biodiversity across our campuses and doubling the Black Poplars across our campuses by 2030 against our 2018/19 baseline
- Integrating the waste hierarchy into our waste management processes, segregating all wastes generated across our campuses as well as maintain our no general waste to landfill status
- Using quantitative and qualitative indicators to monitor and report our environmental performances
- Fulfilling our compliance obligations including complying with all relevant environmental regulations and wherever feasible exceed these standards
- Supporting the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across all aspects of our operations and academic programmes
- Continue to be involved in all relevant community activities and collaborate with like-minded organisation in responding to all current and emerging environmental challenges and optimising all environmental opportunities
- Attain ISO 14001:2015 environmental management system (EMS) by July 2022 and continual improvement of our EMS to enhance our environmental performance
- Ensuring that we have adequate resources to coordinate and support the delivery of our environmental objectives
- Making this environmental policy readily available to all our staff, students and relevant stakeholders

Our environmental sustainability policy was developed under the oversight of our Sustainability Committee (with representation from the academic side, professional services and the Students' Union), and approved by our Senior Executive Team (SET). We will continue to report our progress against this policy and accompanying action plan via our governance structure.



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