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Swansea University

Swansea University Sustainability Policy 2025 - 2026

Swansea University is engaged in innovative research and teaching with profound implications for understanding and stewarding the environment at local, national and global levels. For example, this includes zero carbon projects playing a significant role in driving the UK towards decarbonised energy systems, environmental and energy law, climate change and glaciology, biodiversity and conservation, and sustainable aquaculture - plus the environmental psychology needed to understand how human behaviours play a role in environmental stewardship. These research and teaching activities are a major contribution the University makes towards addressing global sustainability challenges.

With an annual turnover in excess of £300m, a community of over 20,000 students and 3,500 staff, we also recognise the need to manage our operations in a sustainable and responsible manner for the benefit of all. We have committed to carbon neutrality in our buildings and fleet by 2035 as part of the University's Estates strategy (subject to financial sustainability and funding sources) recognising the climate emergency faced by current and future generations. This Sustainability Policy will be reviewed annually, made available to the public and all interested parties and communicated to all students and staff of the University.

Swansea University commits to:

1. Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from university operations.
2. Reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy).
3. Encourage active and sustainable travel practices by staff, students and visitors.
4. Demonstrate sustainable approaches to the built environment in our construction, refurbishment and maintenance projects.
5. Promote biological diversity and become a nature positive university.
6. Minimise waste production, divert waste from being sent for energy recovery and promoting a circular economy.
7. Protect the environment through prevention of pollution and other specific commitments relevant to the context of the organisation.
8. Embed sustainable and ethical approaches into the procurement of university goods and services.
9. Promote education for sustainable development (ESD) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) throughout formal and informal curricula.
10. Support more sustainable knowledge, skills and behaviours throughout university, and wider, community.
11. Work with the Students Union and other partners to enhance the sustainability of the university and their communities.
12. Adapt to climate change, ensuring resilience and continuity of operations and services.
13. Fulfil our environmental compliance obligations.
14. [Set, monitor, and review relevant objectives and demonstrate continual improvement in our environmental performance.](#)

Signed on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team:

Name and position: Professor Paul Boyle, Vice-Chancellor

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