

# Institutional Sustainability Policy

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## Policy Statement

Edge Hill is committed to embedding sustainability across the University through our leadership, education, operations, research and innovation, engagement, and partnerships. We recognise the importance of effective sustainability management practice to deliver an environment that enables our staff, students and wider community to maximise their potential.

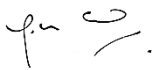
It is therefore our declared policy:

**To promote and adopt a positive sustainability culture to ensure that all members of the University, and those engaged by us, proactively manage sustainability whilst maintaining and servicing the community for all stakeholders associated with the University.**

We are committed to this through:

- Ensuring environmental management and leadership is an integral part of all work undertaken by the University,
- Leading by example and ambitiously, setting standards for excellent levels of environmental management performance through our behaviours, attitudes and actions,
- Undertaking civic engagement activities to enhance sustainability in the wider community and region,
- Meeting, and where possible exceeding, our statutory compliance with relevant current and future statutory regulations whilst ensuring further measures incorporate recognised best practice,
- Educating, motivating and enabling staff, students, and visitors to work in a sustainably responsible manner and to actively participate in developing and implementing our management processes and initiatives,
- Continually developing and expanding Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in the curriculum to ensure that all our students graduate with the necessary skills and knowledge to be ambassadors of sustainable living and contribute to a sustainable future,
- Investment into research areas that have an impact on sustainability,
- Monitoring our performance through regular audit, process review and the development of clear performance indicators to demonstrate continuous improvement in these areas, and improving approaches wherever possible,
- Improving performance by identifying opportunities, and managing risks, including the implementation of appropriate controls to protect the environment, prevent pollution and working to reduce emissions and discharges to air, land, and water,
- Considering waste as a resource, recognising its value, encouraging prevention and reduction whilst seeking to reuse resources prior to recycling or disposal.
- Delivering our Carbon Management Plan, including decarbonising our campus to reach Net Zero.

The University has established representative fora to provide a framework for establishing actions and targets, and to facilitate consultation on management of sustainability issues. We will continue to review our performance in these areas and identify appropriate initiatives to ensure our responsibilities are met.



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