Environmental

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY: SU Development Officer
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The Students' Union notes:

1. Current unsustainable practices are creating severe problems for society as environmental and social limits are reached.
2. Sustainability is a positive vision advocating environmental, economic and social justice, through living our home and work lives in a way that benefits the environment, current social needs and future generations.
3. A 2013 HEA and NUS report found over 80% of students believe that sustainable development should be actively promoted and incorporated by UK universities.

The Students' Union resolves to:

1. Lobby the University to embed skills for sustainability throughout the curriculum to ensure graduates can contribute to a more sustainable world.
2. Support student groups (including, but not limited to Ethical and Environmental Committee and People and Planet) to get involved in sustainability issues and make full use of the Green Space.
3. Actively seek partnerships with local organisations which share our environmental agenda, and lobby other organisations to do the same.
4. Implement the Environmental code of Best Practice and ensure it’s updated, relevant and adhered to by the whole organisation.
5. Actively engage with the NUS sustainability strategy, implementing it where it strengthens our vision, and constructively challenging it where necessary.

POLICY HISTORY:

Originally passed by Referendum March 2009 (3394 votes for; 235 against; 400 abstentions). It was renewed without amendment in October 2011. The above revised policy was agreed by SU Council in December 2014.

This policy is due for review in November 2017.