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Sustainability Policy

The University of London recognises environmental sustainability as the greatest challenge of the 21st century and commits to ensuring that all of its major strategies and operations consider their environmental and ecological aspects and impacts. The University will:

- ensure that sustainable development is understood by staff and students and is an integral part of all aspects of major university plans, activities and strategy; this will include engagement with staff through our Sustainability Champions Network and engagement with students through the universities' Reduce the Juice: Connect programme;
- implement a carbon management plan to achieve the institution's aspirational target of net zero operational carbon by 2036. This follows the University's success in meeting its 2020 target to reduce emission by 43% in 2017;
- implement a total waste management strategy to reduce waste and increase recycling, aiming for an 80% recycling target by 2025;
- implement a Sustainable Building Specification to ensure that all future University developments reach high standards for sustainability, aiming to become an operationally zero carbon estate by 2036;
- implement a Fairtrade and Sustainable Food Policy and work alongside our catering partners to reduce food waste, reduce food miles and improve sustainable food options;
- encourage staff to travel using sustainable forms of transport through the promotion of cycling, walking and public transport and increase the amenities available for those who are using active transport methods;
- increase and improve the biodiversity across the University's estate and the Bloomsbury area as a whole by engaging with local stakeholders through the Wild Bloomsbury project. Additionally supporting the declining bee population by keeping a apiary of bees on one of our roofs and planting pollinator friendly plants in our parks, gardens and squares;
- maintain compliance with all relevant UK and EU legislative requirements and aim to achieve ISO14001:2015 as the minimum standard for environmental management;
- ensure continuous improvement and prevention of pollution on all major environmental aspects and impacts through establishing objectives, targets and policies and procedures to achieve them.