

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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As one of the UK's largest universities, with 34,622* students and 3,733* staff, Nottingham Trent University (NTU) acknowledges its activities will significantly impact the environment at both local and global levels. As a responsible institution, covering 6** campuses, we promote environmental and sustainability awareness and education, in accordance with our University, Reimagined strategic plan. Disseminated by the University Executive Team, these commitments build on current policies seeking to engage all staff and students and embed environmental principles for the future of NTU.

NTU is committed to:

- Developing and embedding environmental awareness and principles with staff and students; encouraging university-wide participation in environmental activities, training and programmes. Promoting Education for Sustainable Development for all, via a formal curriculum-based approach, coupled with informal initiatives.
- Protecting the environment and preventing pollution, taking direct responsibility for the environmental impacts associated with all activities and operations, through a life cycle perspective in pursuance of high standards of environmental management across the NTU estate.
- Minimising significant environmental impacts and enhancing environmental performance including the maintenance of an environmental management system, which is continually reviewed and improved. This also ensures that NTU fulfils its compliance obligations.
- Setting environmental objectives and targets and reporting performance annually on the NTU website.
- Communicating the Environmental Policy to staff and all interested parties.
- Delivering Net Zero Carbon by 2040, across all three scopes, as detailed in the NZC Roadmap; delivering carbon reduction projects through NZC workstreams and reporting on progress annually.
- Minimising waste generated through effective management, focusing on avoidance, reuse and recycling.
- Minimising water wastage and optimising the use of water saving and harvesting technologies.
- Protecting the environment by enhancing biodiversity within the management of the existing estate as well as with any new developments, including the appropriate management of protected and invasive species.
- Promoting and enhancing our Sustainable Procurement Policy. Engaging with suppliers and contractors who reflect NTU's sustainability ethos.
- Managing a proactive travel plan to reduce staff and students' carbon footprint.
- Implementing the Sustainable Construction Policy, including committing to BREEAM Excellent for all new builds and SKA Rating for major building refurbishments as a minimum**
- Enhancing NTU's place in the community, proactively working with external organisations to promote a better environment and encouraging best practice principles.
- Providing the resources and appropriate planning for the above to be achieved.

The Policy is fully supported by the University Executive Team. We appreciate that staff and student education, engagement and ultimately their acceptance of the Environmental Policy, are key to its success. As such, this will provide an ongoing focus to create a sense of ownership, responsibility and a constantly relevant strategy to improve our environment.

Signed:



Professor Edward Peck, Vice-Chancellor

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** Any deviations from this require express approval of the Chief Operating Officer and Registrar