

What are your Environmental Impacts?

Before leaping into all of the different tasks listed in the Green Impact Workbook it is worth having a go at identifying what your biggest impacts are. This will enable you to focus on tasks that will help to achieve the biggest improvements to your department's environmental performance.

What is NTU Doing?

As part of our [Environmental Management Systems](#) ISO 14001 and Eco Campus, we identified over 650 impacts ranging from how staff and students get to the university, to management of our buildings, grounds and wildlife on campus.

To help us manage these impacts we grouped them into ten broad categories: waste, air pollution, biodiversity, contamination, nuisance, waste water, resource depletion, knowledge transfer and procurement.

So what impacts could you have?

The types of impact that you face can be dependent on the nature of your department's work, however most departments will share similar impacts such as:

- **Waste** – e.g. department generates large quantities of waste, hazardous waste or waste that is difficult to recycle.
- **Lighting** – e.g. lights are left on when rooms are not in use
- **Heating** – e.g. heating is set too high and windows opened to compensate
- **Energy wastage** – e.g. IT equipment and other appliances left on when not in use.
- **Travel** – e.g. staff required to travel on business, could be between campuses, or to other locations farther away.
- **Purchasing** – e.g. over-ordering food and drinks for meetings or buying unnecessary or inefficient equipment.

Others may be more specific to each department and building such as having to provide materials for students or publicity material, or using air conditioning and electric heaters.