



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

BY LAW of

CHESTER STUDENTS' UNION

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Review Date: June 2017

1. Chester Students' Union (CSU) recognises that our activities, along with the rest of the University, have impacts on the environment, and are dedicated to ensuring that it acts in an environmentally responsible manner.
2. CSU is committed to the ongoing assessment of our environmental impact and to make continual improvements in our environmental performance.
3. This policy should be read in conjunction with the most up to date working document *Environmental Practices and Procedures*. This highlights the following areas:
 - 3.1. Procurement
 - 3.2. Printing/Paper
 - 3.3. Chemicals
 - 3.4. Shut Down Procedure
 - 3.5. Disposal of Waste
 - 3.6. Water
 - 3.7. Behavioural Change
4. The Vice President Campaigns & Activities and Warrington Welfare Officer or another nominated staff member will take an active lead in all sustainability issues.
5. CSU will annually identify environmental concerns and introduce initiatives to reduce their impact.
6. Department managers will promote the practice of reusing and recycling materials or reducing the consumption of materials wherever possible.
7. Where possible, the Union will source products from ethical and local suppliers for commercial and commercial use.
8. Managers will work with all partner organisations and suppliers to ensure that suppliers minimise the impact of their operations on the environment through responsible purchasing.
9. CSU will reduce the use of energy and water by efficient utility management practices.
10. CSU will use environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice to establish the minimum standards for our environmental performance.
11. CSU will dedicate Union resources to enable campaigns which promote environmental improvement, independently and in conjunction with the student groups.
12. The General Manager will ensure environmental consideration is given to all actions throughout the Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Statements.
13. CSU will have a working practice document which details the operational actions the Union will take to achieve this aims.
14. CSU will work proactively with the University, students and local Councils to promote positive sustainability messages and campaigns.
15. Ensure that this policy is communicated effectively to all Union Officers, Staff, members and other stakeholders. This is to include environmental issues being a standing item in staff meetings.