

## **Environmental Policy**

Glasgow Caledonian University is a thriving and dynamic University with over 1,550 staff providing teaching, learning and research opportunities to over 17,000 students through almost 400 degree programmes.

The University recognises that certain aspects of its operations are likely to have adverse environmental impacts and believes that with its focus on academic excellence it is uniquely placed to mitigate these and make a meaningful contribution to the principles of sustainable development.

Glasgow Caledonian University is therefore committed to minimising potentially harmful impacts from its operations by continually improving its environmental performance and making safeguarding the environment an integral part of how it operates.

To achieve this, the University will:

- Identify and understand its environmental impacts and risks.
- Develop action plans to minimise risks, mitigate impacts and comply with environmental legislation and relevant codes of practice.
- Use resources more efficiently, including less energy and water.
- Produce less waste by pursuing waste minimisation, re-use and recycling opportunities,
- Travel more sustainably.
- Enhance the environmental credentials of the on-campus catering offer.
- Specify and procure products and services with improved environmental credentials.
- Incorporate resource efficiency measures into all new construction and refurbishment projects.
- Identify and explore opportunities for enhancing biodiversity.
- Openly report its environmental performance.
- Annually review this policy and associated environmental management system.

Whilst primary accountability and responsibility for the University's environmental performance rests with Gerry Milne, Chief Financial Officer and Vice-Principal Finance & Planning, everyone at the University has a role to play and is encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to help deliver on these commitments.

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