**Bloomsbury Colleges Environmental Policy Statement**

At the Bloomsbury Colleges we recognize that our activities have an impact on the environment. Our environmental objectives are to ensure that this impact is minimized, that the Colleges grow and develop in a sustainable way and that continuous improvement in environmental performance is embedded into our business model and the culture of the Universities.

The Colleges are committed to achieving best practice benchmark standards for higher education establishments wherever practicable.

To this end we will:

* maintain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) accreditation in order to ensure that the environmental impact across the Colleges including associated risks is monitored, controlled and minimised, and that we continue to make improvements;
* comply fully with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and agreements;
* reduce our carbon emissions through our carbon reduction management plan which includes measures to ensure statutory sector targets are meet and, where possible, exceeded;
* reduce our energy use through energy efficiency measures to ensure targets are met and exceeded where possible;
* promote sustainable modes of transport for commuting and business travel reducing associated carbon emissions;
* minimise the impact and use of natural resources by reducing water use, preventing pollution, reusing materials, recycling and reducing waste production;
* manage the our property portfolio in a manner that maintains and encourages biodiversity; this will include adopting sustainable refurbishment/construction practices where possible;
* adopt sustainable purchasing and the use of environmentally sound goods and services;
* promote education for sustainable development through the curriculum to all students;
* promote environmental awareness and responsibility amongst all staff and students through awareness campaigns and training programmes;
* engage with other institutions and the wider community to share environmental best practice and demonstrate environmental responsibility;

This policy will be reviewed annually. The Environmental Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policy and that the human and financial resources required for its implementation are in place. Our EMS will provide the thrust for the policy implementation. The objectives, targets and procedures set within the EMS will ensure that policy statements are realized and will also form the basis for the independent audit of performance, enabling effective measure of progress against targets and sector standards.

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