



Waste Management Policy

Bangor University has around 10,000 students and 2,000 members of staff located within an estate of some 100 buildings across 300+ hectares. Our core business is to provide high quality teaching and research whilst taking good care of our staff, students, community, and environment.

We understand that our activities have an impact on the environment. We will work to continually improve our waste management practices and strive to reduce our waste generation to achieve the aims set out in the Towards Zero Waste

Strategy 2010, the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, whilst also meeting the requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 environmental standard.

Bangor University will manage our waste by:

- i. ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation and regulations associated with our activities, and where possible, to exceed requirements.
- ii. establishing waste related objectives and targets and report on progress annually.
- iii. applying the Waste Hierarchy when making decisions; to firstly consider prevention, then reuse or preparing for reuse, then recycling (which includes anaerobic digestion), followed by other methods of recovery such as energy recovery, before disposal (landfill)
- iv. continuing to avoid sending any waste sent to landfill where possible, in particular waste that can be reused, recycled or recovered by improving recycling facilities and communication.
- v. reviewing materials used and sold at the University, including packaging and plastics, and seeking to ensure products can be reused or recycled (preferably closed-loop) wherever possible, in order to contribute to a circular economy
- vi. encouraging staff to relinquish office furniture and other items they no longer need for redistribution throughout the University and ensure staff consider these items prior to buying new.
- vi. raising awareness of waste management best practices amongst staff, students and visitors through improved communication and involvement, talks, seminars, campaigns, and initiatives.

The Campus Environmental Performance Team will regularly consider the effectiveness of the Waste Management Policy. The Sustainability Implementation Group will formally review the Policy every 3 years. It is publicly available on the University's website.

Approved by: 

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