

Environmental Policy

Bangor University has over 10,000 students and around 2,000 members of staff located within an estate of some 100 buildings across more than 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 and are committed to continual improvement of our environmental performance and to meeting the requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 environmental standard. We will not only seek to protect our natural environment, but also actively pursue opportunities to enhance it, promote a culture of environmental stewardship amongst our staff and students and work towards the goals of sustainable development.

Bangor University will minimise our adverse environmental impacts by:

- i. ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation and obligations associated with our activities
- ii. managing waste through reduction, re-use, and the promotion of recycling
- iii. minimising energy and water consumption
- iv. promoting sustainable transport initiatives
- v. reducing our contribution to global climate change by making year on year reductions in our greenhouse gas emissions
- vi. promoting and increasing biodiversity conservation and improvement across the University estate
- vii. embedding sustainability within the procurement procedures
- viii. undertaking to prevent the pollution of the natural environment
- ix. raising environmental awareness and awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 amongst staff and students through improved communication and involvement
- x. embedding sustainable development and awareness of environmental issues in our curricula across the University
- xi. establishing environmental objectives and targets and report progress on an annual basis

This Environmental Policy will be reviewed every three years by the Campus Environmental Performance Team, endorsed by the Sustainability Implementation Group, and reported to the University Executive. It is also communicated to the wider University population and is publicly available on the University's website.

Signed: Professor Oliver Turnbull, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University Date: 17th January 2024

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