

Sustainability Statement

2019-2025

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 economic, social, environmental and cultural impacts and that sustainable development is the process of improving well-being in all four aspects. The Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 (WFGA) defines Sustainable Development in Wales as:

"The process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals."

It sets out five ways of working needed to achieve seven well-being goals. Whilst the Higher Education Institutions in Wales are not bound by this law we believe that this approach to sustainability provides an opportunity for innovative thinking, creative action and responsible teaching, learning, research & enterprise, internationalisation and civic engagement. In this way we are also contributing to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

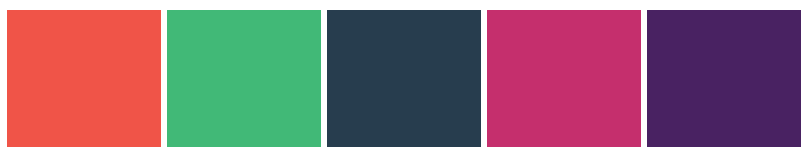


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This Sustainability Statement is valid until 2025 but will be reviewed annually alongside the relevant action plans by the Sustainability Task Group and reported to the University Executive. It is publicly available on the University's website.

Approved by the Vice-chancellor, Professor Iwan Davies



Bangor University will become more sustainable by:



Governance

Embedding integrated thinking and management within its business, incorporating consideration for environmental, social, cultural and financial aspects, facilitated by Integrated Reporting <IR>.



Environment

Ensuring high standards of environmental performance, working towards a low carbon future in a healthy functioning ecosystem and maintaining our ISO14001:2015 accreditation.



Health and Wellbeing

Ensuring high standards of health & wellbeing for our students and staff, giving everyone the opportunity to fulfil their potential regardless of background or circumstances.



Student Experience

Providing students and staff with opportunities to actively participate in sustainability related activities, contributing to their development as global citizens and to wider sustainability goals (Wellbeing goals & UNSDGs).



Curriculum

Maintaining a curriculum that reflects the University's commitment to sustainable development and global citizenship and to wider sustainability goals (Wellbeing goals & UNSDGs).



Research Innovation and Impact

Continuing to engage in research, innovation and impact activities addressing global grand challenges (e.g. climate change) reflecting the University's commitment to sustainable development and to wider sustainability goals (Wellbeing goals & UNSDGs).



Civic Mission and the Welsh Language

Promoting an ethos of 'Welsh is for everyone'; embedding the University in the community and normalising the experience of living in a multi-lingual, diverse cultural community.



Internationalisation

Collaborating across continents to promote global sustainability.



Sustainable Finance

Ensuring sustainable financial management and procedures.



Communication

Communicating our commitment to sustainability widely to all stakeholders.