

Sustainability Policy

Anglia Ruskin University is committed to embedding sustainability within all that it does.

Through our teaching, research, operations, and partnerships we have a responsibility and opportunity to advance sustainable development. We also recognise that our activities can have adverse environmental and social impacts.

Through our certified environmental management system, we will fulfil our environmental compliance obligations, protect the environment, prevent pollution and continually improve our sustainability performance.

Our staff and students have a responsibility to respect, embrace and actively support our commitment to sustainability through their decision-making and behaviours.

Our Sustainability Strategy provides the objectives, targets, timelines and resources to deliver our following sustainability commitments.

Our students

We will be known for equipping our graduates with the knowledge, skills and agency they need to address the challenges of sustainability including the climate and ecological emergency.

Our research & innovation

We will increase our research output related to sustainability, both in quality and volume, to ensure we are recognised for our world-leading innovation and impact as part of a new University wide Sustainable Futures Research and Innovation Theme.

Our community

We will work alongside our local communities, supporting them to develop their understanding of sustainability and create social structures that can lead in sustainability.

Our underpinning operations

We will be a showcase for our commitment and expertise in sustainability.

Energy, Carbon & Water Management

By encouraging energy and water efficient practices and investing in our estate, we aim to reduce direct and indirect carbon emissions to zero by 2045.

Travel

By adopting new working practices and supporting the use of zero and low carbon transport we will reduce the impacts of our commuting and business travel.

Responsible Consumption & Production

We will support a 'circular economy' by adopting purchasing policies and practices which prioritise local communities and whole-life value for money, designing out waste and keeping products and materials in use through reuse and recycling.

Biodiversity

We will protect and enhance habitats and wildlife on our campuses.

Buildings

The planning of our campuses and design and refurbishment of our buildings will be consistent with all our sustainability objectives, including our zero-carbon goal.

Climate Resilience

We will identify and manage risks to our activities associated with floods, droughts, or heatwaves, for example.

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