

# Sustainable Development Policy for DCU

An important element of Dublin City University's place in the community is to understand how its activities impact on the wider environment. These activities include its day to day teaching, research, administration and consultancy engagements, its infrastructural development and the daily activities of staff, students and visitors in carrying out their business. A core element of the university's Civic Engagement strategy is to strive to create within DCU a sustainable environment for students, staff and visitors and to involve all DCU citizens in this initiative.

To this end, Dublin City University commits to the adoption of an environmentally effective, economically affordable and socially acceptable approach in the conduct of its activities. In particular, DCU will:

- Enhance the local and global environment by adopting a continuous improvement policy;
- Incorporate, as much as possible, the principle of sustainable development into the teaching, training and research activities of DCU;
- Continue to improve its waste prevention measures by reduced consumption and operation of effective and environmentally sound waste management and recycling procedures;
- Continue to improve its energy reduction measures through effective education and awareness and the installation of energy efficient technology where appropriate;
- Implement a purchasing policy which considers, where possible, the environmental impacts of the products and services purchased by DCU;
- Promote sustainable transport use and water conservation among the DCU community;
- Provide DCU community with the necessary awareness, education, and training to implement this policy and, where possible, to provide appropriate supporting resources;
- Comply with all current relevant standards and regulations and keep abreast of developments in environmental legislation at local, national and international levels.

This policy will be actively communicated and promoted to staff and students and will also be made available to the public.

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