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## ***Student Induction – Sustainability***

## ***Why is environmental sustainability important to UWL?***

- Global warming and climate change is real. As a result of global warming, we are seeing real-life examples such as increased flooding, heatwave and air pollution.
- We want to minimise our impact on the environment, for the benefit of nature, human health and wellbeing.
- We want to enhance student experience by providing opportunities for students to engage with us on sustainability events and projects.
- UWL is taking action to reduce its environmental impact.
- Getting involved is fun, easy and rewarding, and helps to build your green skills and connect with others.
- There are a number of resources to support you in reducing your environmental impacts.
- Our environmental policies and strategies can be found on external Sustainability website.

# *Achievements (so far!)*

- Delivered the HEFCE 2019/20 carbon reduction target.
- Declared Climate Emergency in 2020.
- Became founding signatory member of One Planet Pledge and committed to net zero carbon by 2030.
- Achieved ISO14001 certified 'Platinum EcoCampus' for our Environmental Management System.
- Members of the Sustainable Restaurant Association & Peas Please Pledge for sustainable food management.
- Member of the United Nations Academic Impact to embed sustainability into education.
- Invested over £150m at our campuses including renewable technologies to make the building environment sustainable.
- We need your support to do more!

## *What is your role in creating a more sustainable UWL?*

- **Waste** – most of the waste produced on-site can be recycled. Look carefully at the bin signs which show what can be put in them. Remember, all plastics, cardboards, cans and paper with no food and drink can go in the recycling bin.
- **Travel** – walk, cycle or take the free shuttle bus to get between campuses. There are shower and changing facilities available on campus.
- **Energy** – dress appropriately for the season. Switch off lights and equipment when not in use.
- **Food and drink** – bring reusable cups, bottles and cutleries to reduce plastic waste. Our single-use cutleries are biodegradable. Try going vegetarian even for one meal.
- **Water** – stay hydrated by topping up your reusable bottle with free water from the water fountains. Do not leave taps running.
- **Get more involved** – join the UWLSU's Sustainability Society and take part in sustainability events.
- **Visit** <https://www.uwl.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability> to get more information on how you can make UWL sustainable.





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