

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Welcome

We are proud of our sustainability performance over the years and strive to embed sustainability principles into all that we do. We recognise our activities have an impact on the environment and society and we have the opportunity to make a difference and contribute to achieving the UN SD Goals at a local, national and global level.

Please take a moment to read this guide to help you, help us make a difference. We all have a personal responsibility for our actions and what we control or who we influence can make a difference to the world around us.

There are many ways you can get involved and we're always looking for ideas on how we can improve.

Contact the Sustainability Team:

 sustainability@bournemouth.ac.uk

 [@Sustainable_BU](https://twitter.com/Sustainable_BU)

Energy and carbon



We have an ambitious target to reduce our carbon emissions by 40% by 2020/21 compared to a 2005/06 baseline. We have invested in our estate to install low carbon technologies, such as a biomass boiler, LED lights, and more efficient pumps and boilers.

You can help us cut energy and carbon by:

- Restarting your PC at the end of the day so it goes into sleep mode and allows IT updates
- Switching off lights when you leave a room (where able to do so)
- Shutting the windows if the heating is on
- Putting on a jumper when the temperature falls
- Buying energy efficient equipment
- Switching off all equipment when not in use
- Letting Estates know if your room is too hot or too cold.

ESD



Education for sustainable development is the process of equipping students with the knowledge and understanding, skills and attributes needed to work and live in a way that safeguards environmental, social and economic wellbeing, both in the present and for future generations.

You can help by:

- Reviewing course content against the UN SD Goals
- Thinking how you can weave BU as a 'living lab' (the concept of using the estate for research and innovative education) into your sustainability stories
- Linking up with CEL to see how you can augment learning to delight and inspire your students
- Encouraging students to look at projects linked to the BU estate and community.

Reduce, reuse, recycle



You can help by following the 3Rs:

- **Reduce** – think before you buy. Do I really need this?
- **Reuse** – use your BU reusable mug and claim your discount on your hot drinks
- **Recycle** – use the dry mixed recycling bins for all your office waste.

You can place most items in the dry mixed recycling bins on campus:

- Paper and card
- Empty plastic bottles
- Clean food packaging
- Plastic film
- Foil
- Glass bottles
- Empty drinks cans

Food waste such as leftovers and tea bags should be placed in the food caddies and bins in the catered areas.

Liquids should be tipped down a sink or into a liquid bin.

Batteries should be placed in the battery boxes around campus.

We're good at recycling and no waste is sent to landfill.

Purchasing



We are committed to buying less environmentally damaging products, from suppliers who treat their employees fairly and provide healthy working conditions.

You can help by:

- Considering whether you need to buy the product
- Completing a life cycle analysis to identify the environmental and ethical issues that need to be addressed during the tender
- Working with suppliers to improve the environmental/ethical sourcing of goods
- Ensuring energy, water and waste costs are factored into any purchase
- Reviewing the environmental and ethical standards of suppliers so you know who you are doing business with
- Following the sustainable communications and printing plan to ensure your communications are effective and do not cost the earth.

Please contact the procurement team for more information on sustainable procurement.
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/sustainability

Water



We need to conserve our precious water. Saving water also saves money. We spend as much on water as we do on the gas used to heat our buildings.

We need you to:

- Make sure you turn off taps fully and don't leave them running
- Take shorter showers – try the four-minute shower challenge
- Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need – this saves energy, water and money
- Report any dripping taps to get them fixed – this can save up to 15 litres a day.

Please report any building issues to Estates Helpdesk.
Email: esthelp@bournemouth.ac.uk

Food



A big part of our impact on the environment is down to the food choices we make.

Here are some tips on how you can help:

- Eat less meat, dairy and eggs – go meat free at least one day a week
- Eat locally produced food as much as possible
- Eat food that is in season
- Only buy what you can eat and put any food waste in the food bin
- Check out what our catering suppliers are doing to provide more sustainable and healthier food choices
- Fill up your water bottle at drinking points to keep hydrated.

Tell us about the food on campus. We are always looking for ways to improve the service.

Please contact us with ideas to help us continue our progress.
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Fairtrade



Fairtrade ensures small scale producers in developing countries get better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade.

This allows farmers and workers to thrive in their communities by protecting their environment and livelihoods.

There are loads of great Fairtrade products available on campus in the shops and catering outlets.

By choosing Fairtrade prodcuts, you are helping farmers in developing countries earn a fair wage and have a better standard of living.

BU is proud to be a Fairtrade University for over ten years – stocking and promoting the sale of Fairtrade goods.

You can find out more about Fairtrade on the Fairtrade Foundation website: www.fairtrade.org.uk

Estates & biodiversity



We are investing in our estate and infrastructure to improve the quality of facilities to support world class education and research. We are installing low and zero carbon technologies to make our estate as efficient as possible. They include ground source heat pumps to heat and cool the buildings; photo-voltaics to provide electricity and ultra-low energy LED lighting.

By careful planting we are increasing the net biodiversity value of our green space for you and wildlife to enjoy. You can play your part by:

- Reporting any faults/defects so they can be fixed
- Enjoying the green space
- Thinking how the estate could be used for applied research and innovative education around sustainability (the concept of a 'Living lab')
- Using the facilities responsibly
- Being aware of how your building operates and acting accordingly.

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