

Environmental Policy

The College is committed to the principle and practice of environmental protection and sustainable development within its academic programmes and operations, with a focus on continuing improvement. The College will seek to improve its environmental performance in the areas of academic programmes, infrastructure and operations, and communication. The College has drawn up a statement of Environmental Policy objectives relating to these areas.

A series of targets will be identified annually. Progress towards their achievement will be reviewed and reported to the Executive and Academic Board and via the intranet to all staff.

The Executive Director of Corporate Services will be responsible for this review and report and is responsible at Executive level for environmental matters in the College.

By this environmental policy, Bradford College recognises its responsibility towards protection of the environment and issues this statement as a commitment of both management and employers to minimising the environmental impact of its operations. However, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

Environmental Policy Objectives

Academic Programmes

- To give all students the opportunity to raise their awareness of environmental issues through incorporation of material on environment and sustainable development into courses.
- To provide specific courses on a range of environmental topics and to promote research related to these.
- To provide education, training and encouragement on environmental issues to College employees so that they can pursue their work in an environmentally responsible way.

Infrastructure and Operations

- To reduce the volume of waste produced and to recycle as much as possible with College-wide involvement and responsibility.
- To assess the environmental impact of purchases as far as possible in terms of their raw materials, manufacture, distribution, use and disposal.
- To encourage the use of environmentally-friendly means of transport by staff and students and to examine the operation of College-owned vehicles.
- To further reduce energy consumption and to incorporate long-term strategies for energy efficiency into planning and development.
- To investigate and reduce water wastage where possible
- To be aware of and reduce where possible any harmful environmental impacts of College sites, buildings, and future developments or alterations.

Communications

- To inform staff and students about local and global environmental issues and to involve them in the College's environmental initiatives.
- To work with the local community and others to develop and pursue environmental initiatives and to provide environmental educational programmes.
- To promote interdisciplinary networks of environmental experts for collaboration on research and teaching projects.