

Edge Hill Students' Union (EHSU) recognises that in its efforts to ensure the best student life, it will use resources and create emissions that may negatively impact on the local and global environment. We are therefore committed to ensuring that this impact is as minimal as possible. We will do this by ensuring environmental issues are central to our operations. We will work closely and in conjunction with the University to ensure that both parties are operating in as environmentally friendly way as possible.

EHSU commits to implementing and pursuing this policy and will work with all stakeholders to ensure this practice happens.

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years and updated when necessary.

### **1. Awareness**

- 1.1.** Promote awareness of the environmental policy amongst its staff, members, University and other stakeholders.
- 1.2.** Ensure that environmental issues are central to its operations and practice and form a part of staff induction.
- 1.3.** Provide mechanisms for staff or members to suggest and implement ideas on environmental issues.
- 1.4.** Adequately publicise and promote work we are doing on the environment.
- 1.5.** Take part in NUS's Green Impact (or equivalent) each year.

### **2. Energy and Utilities**

- 2.1.** Actively promote and ensure energy saving amongst its staff and members, particularly in its physical office space.
- 2.2.** Encourage members to be aware of their own energy usage and how this may impact on the wider environment.
- 2.3.** When developing its own spaces, ensure efficient design is a key criteria. This is also key in general upgrading and refurbishment.

### **3. Purchasing**

- 3.1.** Environmental factors should play a part in all purchasing e.g recycled paper, fairtrade food.
- 3.2.** All bags purchased will be recycled/reusable. Any plastic bags that are necessary within commercial outlets will be sourced to be re-useable and/or biodegradable.
- 3.3.** Consider environmental impact and lifetime costs when assessing equipment for purchase.
- 3.4.** Ensure any used equipment is disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

### **4. Transport**

- 4.1.** Environmental ways of travelling when on EHSU business shall be encouraged. Cyclists shall get a higher rate per mile than motorists and public transport and car sharing is encouraged.
- 4.2.** Employee mileage shall be recorded so EHSUs carbon footprint can be calculated.

### **5. Waste Management and Recycling**

- 5.1.** Work towards decreasing overall waste in the Union.
- 5.2.** Ensure where possible all waste is recycled appropriately.
- 5.3.** Encourage our members to actively recycle and avoid unnecessary waste.