



Environmental Policy Statement

- 1.1 Huddersfield Students' Union is committed to the pursuit of excellence – and will seek to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and to minimise environmental pollution in all its own activities and, where possible, by its influence over others. We will review all its policies, services and activities and act wherever necessary, to meet this commitment. The objective will be to minimise the environmental impact of all our operations.
- 1.2 It is therefore, the aim and intention of Huddersfield Students' Union to reduce the environmental impacts of our business and to operate in an environmentally responsible manner. Environmental management is integral to our vision and performance as a Students' Union and we are committed to the continual and effective improvement of our environmental performance.
- 1.3 Huddersfield Students' Union will give consideration to the substitution of polluting substances with “greener” alternatives wherever possible. Steps will be taken to minimise smoke, dust, noise, and vibration nuisance; the potential for which will be identified during the assessment process.
- 1.4 At Huddersfield Students' Union all waste disposal shall be carried out by registered waste removal companies and such waste removed to registered disposal sites, and shall be disposed of in a controlled, safe and proper manner; all under the UHSU duty of care, so far as reasonably practicable. Documentation shall be held to demonstrate compliance with this aspect. Wherever possible, all waste shall be recycled, reclaimed or reused.
- 1.5 Any liquid pollutants at Huddersfield Students' Union will not be allowed to enter water courses. This will require specific instructions in which to control identified pollution risks. Any liquid storage will be bunded wherever there is a risk, so far as reasonably practicable. At Huddersfield Students' Union COSHH assessments shall form a part of the environmental system.
- 1.6 This policy shall apply to office functions, retail functions, Students' Union travel and design functions as well as off site functions.
- 1.7 In demonstration of our commitment to the highest standards, this policy will be enforced by managerial vigilance and, as part of our continuation of improvement and development, shall be subject to annual review so as to ensure its suitability, adequacy and effectiveness.
- 1.8 In all areas of the the operation we will seek to purchase sustainable products that minimise environmental impact. We will develop other procedures to support this aim.

Signed
President

M.D. Christie

Date

21/11/2011