

UCEM Sustainability Statement (2017- 2020)

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Sustainability Vision

University College of Estate Management (UCEM) strives for excellence in economic, environmental and social responsibility. A key strategic aim is 'to develop and implement genuine sustainability credentials'.

Mindful of the impacts our academic and associated activities bear on the environment, UCEM fully accepts its responsibilities to the natural environment and the global society. We are committed to driving forward the sustainability agenda and will play a positive and transformative role that will contribute to securing an economically, politically, environmentally and socially sustainable future.

Realising our sustainability potential goes beyond addressing our day to day operations, to recognising our position to influence and educate industry professionals who design, develop and manage the Built Environment.

UCEM is committed to:

- ensuring our students are conversant in best practice to nurture sustainable built environments.
- making sustainability a central focus for UCEM at organisational, departmental and individual levels through driving forward long-term and effective behavioural change
- establishing UCEM as a leader in the sustainability agenda through actively influencing industry and conducting research

This statement outlines our commitment to the principles of sustainable development and is designed to drive our successes, focus our activities and inspire us to support the best possible practice. This statement will help us pursue our sustainability ambitions and achieve our aim of becoming an exemplar within the Higher Education Sector.

Sustainability Ambitions

- Establish UCEM as a leader in education for sustainability through embedding sustainability at each academic level within our provision which reflects UCEM's practice based focus.
- Undertaking applied, real world sustainability research for the benefit of learners, industry and society.
- Develop and implement an Environmental Management System that complies with ISO 14001, ISO 50001 Energy Management System; adhering to the standards set out by Carbon Trust.
- Meet, and where possible exceed relevant UK and EU legislation together with regulatory guidelines and industry best practice.
- Ensure a robust approach is taken to achieve zero operational waste to landfill.
- Support the development of sustainability partnerships aligned with the needs of local, national and international agendas.
- Review and benchmark the sustainability performance of the Institution, publicising our progress.

Promoting knowledge of sustainability within the Institution and disseminating to the wider community.

Communicating Strategy

Our Sustainability Statement is supported by individual strategies, action and management plans that translate our high level ambitions into detailed, local level actions and targets. These policies and strategies have been made accessible to internal stakeholders, encouraging commitment and facilitating action amongst members of staff, the Senior Leadership Team and the board of trustees. This has helped to embed sustainability into the culture of the University and made it an institution-wide agenda.

Our Sustainability Statement, in addition to the supporting documents, has been publicised in order to maximise the transparency of our progress and to make ourselves accountable to the whole society for both our actions and our achievements. This measure will also engage further stakeholders in our sustainability journey.

Measuring Success

Our sustainability performance shall be benchmarked against similar institutions and sector standards that will regularly measure our successes and identify areas with the potential for further action. This process will include as a minimum:

- NUS Responsible Futures Accreditation Mark
- ISO 14001, ISO 50001
- Carbon Trust
- BREEAM

The Sustainability Working Group, joined by staff and relevant stakeholders, will annually review our Sustainability Statement, assessing our progress and conducting updates as the sustainability agenda evolves. This will include considering compliance monitoring of the practice and performance related to education for sustainability within the formal curriculum at the Board of Studies through Annual Programme Reviews. Our progress and revised policies shall be reported to the Senior Leadership Team and the University's Board of Trustees.

Related UCEM documents

[UCEM Corporate & Social Responsibility Statement](#)

[UCEM Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy](#)

[UCEM Research Strategy](#)

[UCEM Student Charter](#)

[UCEM Code of Practice Chapter: Student Engagement](#)