

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Strategic Aim	To provide high quality, flexible learning opportunities to enable learners to achieve, progress and attain in terms of their personal, social, academic and vocational development
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Dumfries and Galloway College is committed to incorporating sustainability into its actions and practices to ensure it has a positive impact on the community and the environment. It will do this by promoting healthy workplaces and campuses for staff and students, and by supporting the social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway. This means promoting connections to the global community and environment by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive manner, whilst minimising the environmental impact of its activities. The College takes the approach that sustainable development is an ongoing effort to improve the quality of people's lives and surroundings and aims to achieve this through promoting greater environmental understanding through its operations and curriculum delivery.

Anthropogenic climate change will affect us all, therefore the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 created the statutory framework for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Act sets an interim reduction target of 42% by 2020 and an 80% reduction target for 2050. Section 44 of the Act places climate change duties on Scottish public bodies, including colleges. To meet these targets the College will act in a manner that contributes to the delivery of the Act's emission reduction targets, in a way that if considers is most sustainable and is best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programme.

Principles

The policy applies to the activities of the College and people associated with it such as the staff, students, visitors and contractors. The College recognises its responsibility to embedding environmentally and socially responsible operational practice into all its activities and is committed to promoting sustainability through the following principles:

1. To make sustainability integral to operational objectives by reducing energy use, reducing carbon emissions and minimising waste generation by encouraging staff and students to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle.
2. In keeping with Curriculum for Excellence, the College will commit to embedding sustainable development education within all academic programmes through curriculum development.
3. To provide staff and students with the skills, knowledge and understanding required to make informed decisions about sustainability issues within their work and lives.
4. To take due account of the impact of electronic learning and communication with particular attention to reducing the use of paper and recycling wherever possible.
5. To promote continual improvement in maintenance practices and establish sustainability guidelines for internal and external design teams and contractors working on College premises.
6. To monitor and implement changes in legislation, technology and market developments that can aid us in achieving sustainability.

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7. To purchase goods and services with lower environmental impacts wherever possible taking into account price, quality and delivery.
8. To maximise the efficient use of energy, resources and materials, continually improve pollution prevention measures and increase the use of renewable resources.
9. To promote practical measures to reduce the impact of travel, of both staff and students, travelling to College and between College sites.
10. The College will provide information and incentives to enable staff and students to minimise their personal environmental impact while in College.

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