

Sustainability Pledge

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Who are we?

- The Societies Sustainability Alliance a group of 25 societies and clubs interested in sustainability. We work with the University and Guild to improve sustainability at Exeter

What principles are we guided by?

- We are led by the recommendations of the Exeter Environment and Climate Emergency White Paper [Appendix 1], the UN Sustainable Development Goals [Appendix 2]. Despite using these ‘universal’ resources and framework, we emphasise the need for knowledge to be far more pluralistic in order for true sustainable progress to be made, which is inclusive of it also tackling social justice. Therefore, we emphasise the need for this process of increasing sustainability to be fully participatory and as the universities white paper emphasises throughout by wanting to “make the exceptional happen by challenging traditional thinking and defying conventional boundaries.”

Facilitating society advocacy for climate action

- Societies may have their own ideas and initiatives regarding sustainability and should be encouraged to engage with the University to improve its practices. The Societies Sustainability Alliance is happy to help facilitate this where possible through providing access to working groups etc.

Our Pledge



1) We pledge to try to follow these sustainable behaviours as a society:

FOOD

- Plant based meals at society socials when possible.
- Avoid fast food when possible.

CLOTHING

- Using sustainable kit when possible.
- Buy sustainable stash when possible.
- Swapping sharing and recycling of items such as fancy dress when possible.
- Avoid Fast fashion when possible.

GENERAL PURCHASING

- Refill /reuse/ reduce instead of buying new when possible.
- Buy sustainable / low mileage options when possible.
- Avoid Single use plastic when possible.

WASTE

- Recycle when possible /appropriate.
- Buy products which can be sustainably disposed of when possible.
- Avoid using landfill when possible.

TRANSPORT

- Local options for recreational trips and socials when possible.
- Sustainable transport such as walking, cycling, car-pooling and public transport when possible.
- Avoid recreational flights when possible.

2) We pledge that at least one committee member will attend a half-day sustainability training session.

Appendices



Appendix 1

(https://www.exeter.ac.uk/media/universityofexeter/campuservices/sustainability/climateemergency/documents/Full-EnvClimE-White-Paper-11_11_19.pdf)

Exeter Environment and Climate Emergency White Paper of November 2019 sets out recommendations for University action regarding the following areas:

- R1 Data/Reporting
- R3 Governance
- R4 Education
- R5 Research
- R6 Global
- R8 Regional
- R9 Divestment
- R10 Energy Plan
- R11 Buildings and Space
- R12 Labs
- R13 Digital
- R14a Local Travel and R14b Business Travel
- R15 Procurement
- R16 Waste Plan
- R17 Hospitality and Catering
- R18 Biodiversity
- R19 Behavioural and Cultural Change
- R20 Communications and Marketing

Appendices



Appendix 2 (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>)

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all members as part of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

- GOAL 1: No Poverty
- GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
- GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- GOAL 4: Quality Education
- GOAL 5: Gender Equality
- GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- GOAL 13: Climate Action
- GOAL 14: Life Below Water
- GOAL 15: Life on Land
- GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
- GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal