

# Environmental Policy

Leeds University Union (LUU) recognises that its operations and the operations of its suppliers and contractors have an impact on the environment.

LUU is committed to working towards a more sustainable future through; reducing our impact on the environment, continually improving our environmental performance and complying with legal and any other requirements to which LUU subscribes.

This will be done through managing our significant environmental impacts by setting targets under the key themes and objectives outlined below;

## Climate Change

CC1- LUU will implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations.

## Energy

EN1- LUU will implement measures to reduce the energy used to deliver its services.

EN2 – LUU will work with tenants to reduce the energy used for their operations.

EN3 - LUU will seek alternative and renewable energy supplies where possible.

## Waste

WA1- LUU will implement actions to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover value from the waste we produce.

WA2- LUU will seek further alternative methods for reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

## Water

WT1- LUU will implement actions to reduce, reuse and recycle water from its operations.

## Transport

TP1- LUU will implement actions to reduce the environmental impact of its vehicles.

TP2- LUU will work with its members and staff to reduce the environmental impact of their travel to work and university.

TP3 - LUU will encourage walking, cycling and public transport for all business travel.

### **Biodiversity**

BD1- LUU will seek to actively protect and enhance the natural environment and support others in doing so.

### **Procurement**

PO1- LUU will seek to minimise the social, economic and environmental impact of the goods and services it procures through the LUU sustainable procurement policy.

PO2- LUU will work with suppliers and contractors to minimise the social, economic and environmental impacts of the goods and services they provide.

### **Raising Environmental Awareness**

RA1- LUU will work with staff to ensure they are trained and motivated to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible way.

RA2 - LUU will raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues amongst members, tenants and other users of the LUU building.

RA3 - LUU will work with other local and national organisations to encourage and support environmental initiatives.

### **Built Environment**

BE1- LUU will work with contractors and other partners to ensure sustainable design and management of any building renovations.



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This environmental policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that the themes and objectives outlined above are still in line with LUU members' priorities