

Institutional Sustainability Policy

2026-2027

Policy Statement

Edge Hill University is committed to embedding sustainability across all areas of the Institution, including leadership, education, operations, research and innovation, engagement and partnerships. Our approach to sustainability is guided by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We recognise the importance of effective sustainability management and are dedicated to creating an environment that enables our staff, students and wider community to thrive. Our declared policy is to:

Promote and adopt a positive sustainability culture to ensure that all members of the University, and those engaged by us, proactively manage sustainability whilst maintaining and servicing the community for all stakeholders associated with the University.

Our Commitments:

Integrating Sustainability: Ensuring that sustainability-related management and leadership are integral in all University activities,

Leading by Example: Demonstrating excellence in sustainability management through our behaviours, attitudes and actions,

Civic Engagement: Engaging in activities that enhance sustainability in the wider community and region,

Compliance and Best Practice: Meeting, and where possible exceeding, our statutory compliance with relevant current and future regulations while incorporating recognised best practices,

Education and Motivation: Educating, motivating and enabling staff, students, and visitors to act responsibly and contribute to sustainability initiatives,

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): Continually expanding ESD in the curriculum to equip students with the knowledge and skills to support a sustainable future,

Research Investment: Investing in research areas that impact sustainability,

Performance Monitoring: Regularly auditing and reviewing processes to ensure continuous improvement, supported by clear performance indicators,

Risk Management: Identifying opportunities and managing risks to enhance performance, including preventing pollution and reducing emissions to air, land and water,

Waste and Resource Management: Recognising waste as a resource by encouraging prevention and reduction, and prioritising reuse,

Carbon Management: Implementing the Carbon Management Plan to achieve Net Zero emissions on our campus,

Promote and enhance biodiversity and environmental management across our estate and supply chain.

Implementation and Review:

The University has established forums to develop actions and targets and to facilitate consultations on sustainability issues. We will regularly review performance and identify initiatives to ensure we continue to meet our sustainability responsibilities. This policy is updated and reported on annually via the Institutional Sustainability Committee.



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