



Learn, Innovate, Create for Life

Highlands College

Sustainability Pledge

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SUMMARY

On the 2nd May 2019, 40 elected members in the States Assembly voted to declare, “that there exists a climate emergency likely to have a profound effect in Jersey”.

Why?

- As a species, we continue to consume, pollute, and waste like there’s no tomorrow. And our days certainly will be numbered if we don’t act now and make sustainability a way of life.
- Over 75% of waste is recyclable, but only about 30% of it is recycled.
- 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted worldwide every year. Just one-quarter of this could feed 795 million undernourished people.
- Scientists warn that even if all the Paris emissions commitments were met, temperatures would surpass 1.5°C warming, and increase by 3°C to 5°C by 2100. The last time the world was that hot was 15 million years ago during the Miocene. At this temperature, seas could rise by more than 2 metres this century as more than ²/₃ of the world’s glaciers melt.

“Bringing nature into the classroom can kindle a fascination and passion for the diversity of life on earth and can motivate a sense of responsibility to safeguard it.”

Sir David Attenborough, 2011 Interview with Jessica Sheppard.

INTENT	IMPLEMENTATION	IMPACT
Be a net zero institution by 2030 and carbon negative by 2040	All energy is produced by renewable means and effective carbon offsetting is in place that balances economic and social factors	Our college footprint is significantly reduced
All our students and apprentices’ benefit from training in environmental awareness issues.	Embed Education for Sustainable Development and Carbon Literacy in all our provision by 2025	All students recognise the 17 United Nations Sustainability Development Goals, and how they can impact them
Responsible consumption and production	Our supply chain is sustainable and ethical, and we continuously strive for further improvements and innovation	All our partners, whether we procure or collaborate with them, have a shared commitment to environmental action and sustainability
Enhanced biodiversity on our estates and wider community	Focused undertaking to increase the breadth of ecosystem and habitat on our estate and support island wide ecological initiatives	Promote opportunities for staff and students to engage in opportunities to promote the green agenda.

"Our People"



LEADERSHIP



GOVERNANCE



TEACHING AND LEARNING.



ENGAGEMENT

Use the: Sustainability Leadership Scorecard , to measure, report and improve our progress on a cross college approach	Incorporate sustainability into Governance arrangements	Develop our curricula to specifically include environmental sustainability in a relevant vocational and technical context	Establish a college wide Sustainability Action Group involving staff, students, led by Sustainability Champions
Commit to reporting on the SDGs and provide a common framework of understanding by signing the SDG Accord	Establish a cross-College Environmental Sustainability Committee.	Deliver carbon literacy training to all of our students	Work with our local community to improve local biodiversity
Commit dedicated budget towards achieving our net zero ambitions	Benchmark our performance against other institutions within the sector	Embed climate responsibility into staff development – through PRA	Contribute to the AoC Green Thread Working Group
Develop a specific College brand to unite collective action	Ensure that all staff have sustainability Objectives in their appraisals and are aware of their duties	Ensure that all staff are trained in environmental awareness	Promote sustainability awareness and training across Jersey



"Our Place"



CAMPUS



FACILITIES



SERVICES



REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

Develop our campus to maximise wellbeing space and to support and promote environment development	Measure college carbon footprint using existing data	Embed Social Sustainability such as diversity, equality, inclusion, wellbeing, and social capital in all parts of college life for students and staff	Reuse as much as possible and significantly decrease our waste that is going to landfill
Working with Jersey Property Holdings ensure sustainability is a key factor to be considered in all repair and maintenance decision-making	Work with Supply Jersey and other suppliers to improve understanding of emissions relating to the Jersey and college supply chain	Promote the consumption of sustainably sourced food, and encourage plant based options	Set targets to reduce the waste on campus by 50%.
Achieve ISO 14001 in Environmental Management	Work alongside JPH to implement renewable energy across our estate	Reduce single-use packaging including all plastic packaging and to reduce waste	Ensure that we have recycling stations in every building
Take positive action to encourage walking, cycling, shared travel schemes and the use of low emission vehicles for college purposes	Increase the number of electric charging points on campus	Promote volunteering roles, aligned to increasing environmental awareness and sustainability	Set targets to ensure that all surplus resources that are used for teaching and learning, are recycled, e.g. wood, paper, textiles



"Our Partners"



SUPPLIERS



AOC



GOJ



INTERNATIONAL

<p>Work with our suppliers to ensure that we only use ethically sourced products</p>	<p>Partner with other colleges to share our carbon footprint data carbon footprint data and collaborate on curriculum initiatives</p>	<p>Work alongside GoJ to build the foundation for long-term change to meet the aspirations of Jersey through the Carbon Neutral Roadmap GoJ draft Carbon Neutral Roadmap</p>	<p>Sign the Global Climate Letter Sign the Global Climate Letter declaring a climate emergency and committing to the society change that needs to occur</p>
<p>Choose to work with other bioethical partners</p>	<p>Become an FE advisor to the EAUC - The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education Group</p>	<p>Develop a communications and engagement strategy to be delivered alongside this Pledge</p>	<p>Achieve a Green Gown or AoC Beacon Award for our work on promoting sustainability</p>



"Our Plan"

