

Chem Eng Sustainability Commitment

Introduction: The need for the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee

As of May 2020, and in support of the above and [UCL's new sustainability strategy 2019](#) the Department of Chemical Engineering established a CE Sustainability Committee.

The Vision of the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

The Chemical Engineering Department has among its member's world class academics, staff and students who can make an impact in the world and change the way we live. Therefore, the vision of this committee is to make the department a leader in sustainability and sustainable development among all universities in London.

The mission of the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

In line with UCL's 2019 sustainability strategy we see our mission as to:

- Raise awareness about sustainability within our department.
- Empower staff and students to champion sustainability by sparking debate and co-creating sustainability solutions.
- Introduce and develop the strategies which are most effective in improving the sustainable operation of the department
- Share best practice with other departments and institutions

Goals of the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

- The Chem Eng Sustainability Committee works closely with the UCL Sustainability Team, Chem Eng HoD, Chem Eng staff and other committees such as the Health and Safety Committee.
- The Chem Eng Sustainability Committee aims to create a sustainability culture within the department, which will be transferred from one generation to the next.
- The aim is also to inspire other departments, schools, and communities to create a better future for ourselves and future generations.
- Chem Eng Sustainability Committee identifies sustainability issues at departmental and University level. It provides to the management team potential solutions to such problems.
- Chem Eng Sustainability Committee shares sustainability related knowledge, promotes the achievements and projects of our own students and staff as well as other UCL departments, using its newsletter and other means.

Roles within the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

CE Sustainability Committee welcomes members from all staff and student groups in the Department.

The Chair and Co-Chair of the committee:

- is responsible for organising, scheduling and delegating assignments to its members
- is in constant communication with the committee members
- facilitates the communication between different committees.
- forwards committee suggestions/worries/solutions to the HoD.

Secretary of the committee:

- informs group members about upcoming meetings (date, time, location)
- takes notes during the committee meetings, summarises them and shares them with the group members

- reminds committee members about the discussions of the previous meeting

Members of the committee:

- actively participate in discussions, develop innovative ideas for solutions,

Sub Working Groups

All committee members are also part of one of the two Sustainability sub working groups:

Lab – The aim of the ‘Lab’ working group is to lead on sustainable initiatives in relation to the Departments labs.

Office – The aim of the ‘Office’ working group is to lead on sustainable initiatives in relation to the Department offices and operations that are not associated with the labs.

Meeting frequency of the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

Chem Eng Sustainability Committee will meet once every three months, with the working groups expected to meet once in between to update the main committee and take forward actions.

Benefits of being a member of the Chem Eng Sustainability Committee:

Being a Chem Eng Sustainability Committee member has many benefits including but not limited to:

- meeting new people and being more engaged with the department
- learning more about sustainability
- increasing wellbeing
- adding new skills to CVs.