

Vision

Environmental Sustainability is the responsibility of all members of the UCL community, including students, staff and persons working on our behalf. UCL 2034, UCL's Institutional Strategy, sets out a clear vision for UCL, with sustainability embedded throughout the Principal Themes and Key Enablers of the strategy. In contributing to this, UCL's Environmental Sustainability Vision is to:

- Contribute through critical discourse, research and study, towards UCL's distinctive approach to global environmental challenges.
- Enable and support UCL staff and students, through action, to address UCL's environmental impacts and opportunities.
- Seek to continuously improve its environmental and sustainability performance, including that of the UCL Estate.

This Policy supports this vision and looks to UCL to become a leader in the field of sustainability through performing at the highest levels of excellence in multidisciplinary academic teaching and research; creating a culture of inspiration, innovation, action and trust, through engagement with its schools, faculties, departments and other stakeholders; and through the sustainable development and use of the estate.

Aims and Objectives

UCL is committed to delivering the following strategic aims across its UK operations:

- To create a campus which supports UCL's academic, research and enterprise activities in a sustainable way
- To enable, empower and support all UCL communities to address our environmental sustainability impacts
- To provide the education, advancement, dissemination and application of sustainable development
- To maximise the wider impact of UCL's environmental sustainability activities at local, regional, national and international level through collaboration, partnership and communications
- To become a leader across the HE sector in terms of environmental sustainability

These aims will be implemented through the UCL Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which recognises both our local and global impacts, and sets objectives against each of our aims, ensuring that UCL is working to:

- prevent pollution and protect the environment from any adverse impacts arising from the use of our estate or during our research, teaching and enterprise activities
- Fulfil our compliance obligations
- reduce carbon emissions & water use
- minimise waste generation and optimise sustainable procurement
- sustainably develop its estate
- reduce the impacts of travel and transport
- contribute to local biodiversity
- promote sustainable practices and improve awareness

The Policy and Strategy will be managed through the development, delivery and continuous improvement of the UCL Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS), which is certified under ISO14001 (2004). Departments will be responsible for ensuring adequate arrangements for environmental management in their area.

This Policy will be reviewed annually as part of the ESMS annual review.

Signature:



Date:

5th June 2018

UCL President and Provost, Professor Michael Arthur