

Northern Regional College Policy and Procedures

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Introduction

The Northern Regional College is a large organisation with more than 1200 staff and over 10,000 students across eleven centres encompassing a catchment area bounded by Newtownabbey, Larne, Portrush, Coleraine and Magherafelt. The College recognises that an institution of this size has an impact upon the environment both locally and globally and is committed to minimising, within the constraints imposed by financial sustainability, any negative effects the delivery of its core activities of teaching, research and knowledge transfer might have. This policy statement, together with the Sustainable Development Action Plan, details the nature of this commitment.

The Principles

The College will:

1. Comply with all relevant UK and EU environmental legislation.
2. Develop an Environmental Management System that seeks to manage environmental risk and continually improve environmental performance.
3. Through curriculum development, research and training engage students and staff in the critical debate on environmental issues.
4. Minimise waste and pollution through sound purchasing strategies, waste reduction and effective operating procedures.
5. Maintain an environmentally sound waste management procedure which promotes recycling where possible.
6. Adopt an environmentally sound transport strategy within the context of a multi-site College.

7. Give appropriate consideration to the environmental credentials of suppliers when purchasing products and services.
8. Incorporate best environmental practice in the development of the College estate.
9. Maintain the grounds and buildings of the College in an environmentally sensitive way having due regard to fragile habitats and the enhancement of biodiversity.
10. Work with others at local and national level to promote and develop environmental good practice.

The main responsibility for implementation of this policy lies with the Director of the College. The Director has delegated responsibility for the development of the policy to the Deputy Director – Planning & Resources who, working through the Senior Management Team and Campus Management Teams, will ensure delivery of the sustainability objectives outlined in the Sustainable Development Action Plan.

Each member of the Senior Management Team is responsible for ensuring compliance with College Sustainability Policy within their area of control. The College will actively monitor the performance of the Team in the implementation of the key objectives of this Policy in the activities under their control.

The College will continually monitor and review its procedures in respect of its commitment to sustainable development.

Whilst the College accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, individuals have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment. Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as appropriate.