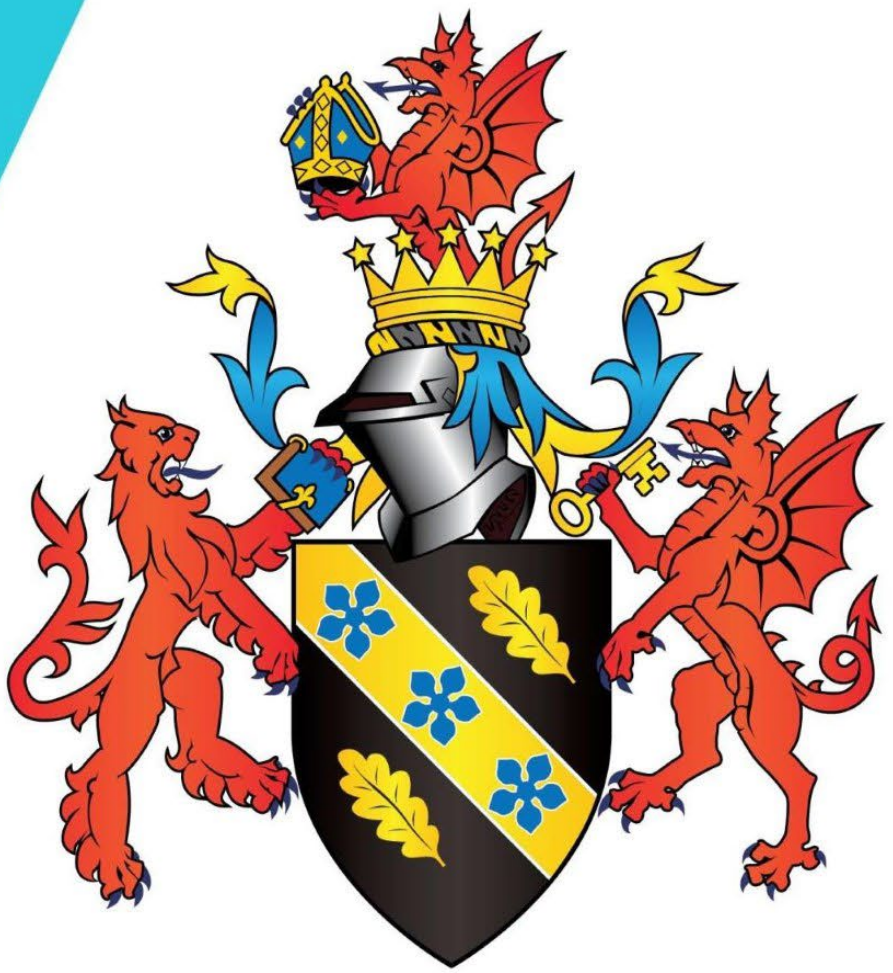
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Environment Policy Statement

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1.0 Introduction

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David Group, comprising the University, Coleg Sir Gar and Coleg Ceredigion, recognises that environmental sustainability issues are fundamental to the future health and wellbeing of all those involved across our operations, our wider communities and to the global climate emergency response

The Group is committed to:

- embedding sustainability across our campuses, curriculum and culture
- providing a stimulating, progressive and sustainable environment for learning, including
- full consideration of social, economic and environmental impacts and opportunities.

2.0 Strategy and Monitoring of Progress

The UWTSD Strategic Plan 2025–2030 identifies environmental sustainability as a key enabler of institutional success, ensuring the University remains responsible, resilient and future-ready while meeting the needs of present and future generations. This Environmental Sustainability Strategy provides the framework through which that commitment is delivered in practice.

This Environmental Sustainability Strategy directly delivers the Environmental Sustainability Enabler of the UWTSD Strategic Plan 2025–2030, aligning institutional ambition with operational delivery and sector expectations. Through the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the strategy translates local and national commitments into measurable impact, ensuring that local action contributes meaningfully to global sustainability outcomes.

The UWTSD Group Environmental Sustainability Strategy sets out six Strategic Priorities that will seek to embed environmental sustainability across further and higher education pathways to enhance learner experience, employability and progression.

1. Carbon Reduction
2. Education and Employability
3. Sustainable Estate
4. Research and Innovation
5. Leadership, Engagement and Culture
6. Monitoring and Reporting

3.0 Policy Aims

The Policy aims to proactively act in ways that raise awareness and encourage positive action through teaching, research and other University activities to:

- reduce energy consumption and associated carbon equivalent emissions across the Group
- reduce water consumption
- maintain our commitment to the protection of environments including pollution prevention, minimising controllable source fugitive emissions and complying with all relevant environmental legislation or sector best practice
- build partnerships to share experience and knowledge of sustainability
- improve resource efficiency using the waste hierarchy, including only procuring what is necessary, maximizing reuse and recycling and avoiding waste to landfill

- continue to protect and manage our heritage buildings
- reduce supply chain scope three carbon emissions
- identify opportunities to reduce the impact of business travel, commuting and delivery mileage, for example encouraging and promoting walking, cycling, public transport and car-sharing alongside other initiatives
- adopt high environmental standards for planning the development of our campuses and construction and refurbishment projects
- continually improve the Group's environmental performance as part of a single certified EMS.

4.0 Links to other policies / procedures

- UWTSD Strategic Plan 2025-2030
- UWTSD Group Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2025-2030
- Carbon Management Plan 2025-2030
- Sustainability Engagement Action Plan 2025-2030
- Sustainable Construction and Refurbishment Plan 2025-2030
- Energy Management Plan 2025-2030
- Sustainable Travel Plan 2025-2030
- Waste Management Plan 2025-2030
- Water Management Plan 2025-2030
- Sustainable Food Plan 2025-2030
- Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030
- Ethical Careers Policy 2025-2030
- Ethical Investment Policy 2025-2030

5.0 Document version control

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3.2	Addition of 1.1 UWTSD Waste Policy (Wales)	KM	October 2024
3.3	Policy Reviewed and extended until October 26. Policy approved by Sustainability Steering Group	DP	20 October 2025
3.4	Policy reviewed and updated until Oct 2027	DP	04 Nov 2026

	• Addition of reference to environmental protection • Links to other policies / procedures updated		

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