

Energy Management & Water Reuse

Policy Mission Statement

Durham University recognises that, as a major user of energy, it has an important role to play in helping to tackle climate change by significantly reducing its CO2 emissions.

We are committed to responsible energy management and the highest standards in energy efficiency. It is in the University's best interest to reduce the amount of money it spends on energy, releasing funds for other purposes. At the same time, reducing energy consumption helps the University to reduce its environmental impact.

The reuse of water through technology, innovation and collaborative working remains pivotal to ensuring the optimum use of water is maintained and reused across the University. Installations of rainwater collection points, ensuring minimisation of water use in sustainable renovation and building projects and the continued education of sustainable water use will contribute to

Durham University's overall aims of sustainable energy and water management.

Aims

As a key element of the University's Environmental Policy, and consistent with the University's wider objectives and the resources available, the Energy Management & Water Reuse Policy aims to:

- reduce fuel consumption through the introduction of energy-efficient measures;
- increase awareness of energy issues and encourage all members of the University to help reduce energy consumption whenever they can;
- ensure that the highest energy-efficient design standards are included in all new buildings;
- wherever possible, obtain energy from sustainable sources.
- Ensure maximum opportunities are explored in the reuse of water across all sites.

- Promote activities for students, staff, alumni, local communities, outsourced contractors, third-party sub-contractors and procured services to ensure water is reused in a practicable manner, utilising cutting-edge technologies for the efficient re-use of water.
- Embed key energy and water initiatives across the institution from an educational, community outreach, engagement and research viewpoints.
- Promote research to assist Durham University's commitment to net-zero emissions by 2035.

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