

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

Policy statement

The Faculty of Philosophy is committed to reducing its impact on the environment by working to save energy, minimizing waste through comprehensive recycling, and by promoting wider environmental issues to its staff and students.

Responsibility

The Philosophy Green Team are responsible for sharing information, and each member of the Faculty has a responsibility to follow the guidance set out in this action plan. The Philosophy Green Team is committed to improving the Faculty's environmental performance.

Energy

The Philosophy Green Team will

- Carry out annual basic energy audits, with the support of the University's Environment & Energy Office, and share an action list with the Faculty Administrator.

Staff will

- Read the Faculty Purchasing Guidelines document, which contains information on environmental considerations, before purchasing new electrical equipment.

Everybody will

- Take responsibility for switching off lights and electrical equipment as necessary before they leave the building.
- Avoid using electric heaters, unless in exceptional circumstances.

Waste

Staff will

- Purchase paper made from pulp from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified sustainable sources.
- Continue to share documents (e.g. meeting papers and handouts) electronically wherever possible.
- Ensure that new furniture or wood products are made from wood from FSC certified sustainable sources.
- Attempt to rehome any unwanted office furniture or reusable equipment before disposing of it. Specifically, they will use the University's Warp-it facility wherever possible to re-home unwanted items within the University.

Everybody will

- Continue to use the Department's facilities for recycling in order to minimise the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- Hand in unwanted stationery, envelopes, folders and files to Faculty Office so that they can be reused, or sent to the Cambridge Community Scrap Store.

- Consider the environment before printing, and print double-sided whenever possible.

Transportation

The Philosophy Green Team will

- Continue to promote the use of public transport, cycling and walking to staff, students and visitors.

Everybody will

- Consider whether they can use videoconferencing facilities an alternative to travelling to meetings.

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