



GREEN IMPACT

Staff and students, making a difference, every day

The University of Cambridge is committed to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability performance.

The areas the University focusses on are:

- Waste and recycling
- Travel
- Green procurement
- Water
- Carbon
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Buildings and Grounds
- Sustainable food

See the University's Sustainability pages for more information:

<https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk>

We would also encourage you to take the University's Sustainability Induction Module here:

<https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/induction>

In its effort to support the University's commitment, the Faculty of Philosophy has signed up to **Green Impact**, the University's environmental accreditation scheme, which supports and encourages departments and colleges across the University in reducing their environmental impacts.

You can find out about Green Impact here:

<https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/green-impact>

Currently (March 2023), the Green Impact team is made up of 2 staff members, Ellen Hammersley and Joanne Wells, and 4 student members, Izzy, Dev, Jess & Hassan.

The team is trying to raise awareness about sustainability, implement environmentally-friendly practises, and encourage members of the Faculty, both staff and students, to make everyday changes to improve our environmental footprint.

To find out more about the Philosophy Green Team, see our webpage here:

<https://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/aboutus/green-team>



Useful Information

Waste and Recycling

The Faculty has a number of well labelled bins to help everyone to dispose of their rubbish correctly.

Mixed Recycling: Accepts all types of paper and card, as well as plastics, tins, cans and foils, and cartons. You will find the recycling bin in the Faculty corridor, near the photocopier.

General Waste: General waste bins take non-recyclables such as wood, polystyrene, paper towels and mixed materials items. These are clearly marked in both common areas and individual offices.

Pen and Battery recycling: There are labelled baskets by the Green Impact noticeboard in the Faculty corridor for pen and battery recycling.

Print toners: Please bring your print toners to the Faculty Office.

Glass recycling: There is a glass recycling bin in the Faculty Office.

Coffee pods: Please place Nespresso coffee pods in the dedicated tin next to the coffee machine.

Electrical items: Please advise the Faculty Office of any electrical items that need disposing of, so that the correct procedures can be followed.

For any items not listed here, please see the University's A-Z of recycling:
<https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/recyclingAtoZ>

Saving energy

You can take simple steps to help save energy, such as:

Print double-sided as standard: This will save energy and paper. Colour printing can use more energy than black and white.

Only fill the kettle with the amount of water you need. This saves both time and energy.

Turn off the lights: There is no need to have the lights on unless you really can't see what you are doing!

Turn off your monitor: When going on a break or into a meeting, this will save 2/3 of overall energy consumption. Screen savers do not save any energy at all.

Turn radiators down: Even just a few degrees will help. Turn to the frost setting if the room is going to be empty.

Unplug non-essential equipment: The Department of Energy estimates you could save 10% every month when you unplug appliances when not in use.

Make sure you turn off equipment at the end of the day: Between 40-90% of the total energy use from computer equipment can be contributed to standby power.

Travel

For travel information, including the Travel Advisor Service providing staff with personalised advice about travel to work, see: www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/travel