



## Climate Change and Social Responsibility Policy 2016 to 2026

### **Aim 1 - Tackle climate change and reduce resource use**

The University will tackle climate change through a range of measures designed to mitigate and adapt to this challenge. We will efficiently and intelligently manage our resources and seek value from them. We will consider resources as contributing to a circular economy that enables us to do more with less by changing how we manage what we consume. We will do this through adoption of sustainable procurement processes; seeking to reuse or repurpose materials and assets as much as possible and supporting a robust waste hierarchy; using what we have sensibly; and conserving what we have.

***Example Actions and Outcomes** – responsible carbon emissions management; sustainable resource use; exemplary building design; demonstrable and visible progress on sustainable infrastructure that mitigates and adapts to climate change.*

### **Aim 2 - Be socially responsible**

The University's reputation and influence is global and as a 'place of useful learning', the University positively influences the lives of its students, society and the world. Located in the heart of Glasgow and as a major employer, we have a strong sense of social responsibility. We will proactively manage our relationship with the city's leaders, the local community as well as our national and international stakeholders. We will continue to ensure that our research and teaching is accessible, relevant to the issues facing society and that it has positive impact locally, nationally and far beyond Scotland.

***Example Actions and Outcomes:** we will be a good neighbour, actively engaging with the local community through outreach and involvement; we will encourage our students to involve themselves with our community in Glasgow and beyond; providing an inspirational and vibrant campus within the University's grounds; positively influencing policy at local and national levels; sourcing materials and services responsibly; ensuring access to the University for as wide and diverse a population as possible.*

### **Aim 3 - Collaborate with others to embed sustainability across the institution**

The University is already committed to collaboration with industry, business, government and the third sector. The University supports the development of sustainable economic growth and the delivery of a wider societal benefit as an outcome. By embedding sustainability across our Faculties, Professional Services and individuals, we further enhance collaboration and innovation which will make an impact on our contribution to the sustainability agenda.

***Actions and Outcomes:** embedding environment and sustainability issues across the institution; joining up our governance with regard to sustainability, social responsibility and climate change; demonstrating excellence in low carbon technology, environmental initiatives, social inclusion and behaviour change through collaborative networks.*

#### **Aim 4 - Share learning and knowledge to help ensure continuous improvement**

The University is well known for its excellence in the creation of knowledge and building of capacity within society. Within this sharing of knowledge amongst staff, students and external stakeholders, we will include sustainability, climate change and social responsibility.

***Actions and Outcomes:*** *engage staff and students to influence and change the culture of sustainability; develop our own skills in climate change mitigation and adaptation; develop external links and networks to enhance knowledge and capacity with regard to sustainability; support and promote research on climate change and social responsibility; integrate sustainability issues into our student curriculum and research areas.*