

Environmental Improvement Plan York St John Students' Union

This document outlines the areas that we as a Union are working on to minimise the environmental impact made in the delivery of our services. It will be regularly updated so be sure to check the version date at the bottom of the document to ensure you are looking at the most up to date copy.

| Date | Area of Improvement | Action to be taken | Progress |
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| 29/10/09 | Recycling facilities | Current recycling bins need improving – specific bins with better visual signage to be bought and placed in key areas of the Union | Bins are in place (Complete 1.12.09) |
| | | Recycling messages to be circulated on TV screens within the building to encourage usage of the new bins | Messages have run in December. To be repeated in January 2010 |
| 29/10/09 | Transport usage | Check that we are being as efficient as possible with the transport we are using for Sports teams to ensure that we are creating the smallest possible impact | List sent through from the Sports and Societies Co-ordinator detailing that this is the case. Hold on file. Review in September/October 2010. |
| 29/10/09 | Food | Create a menu of locally sourced, organic food to provide potential alternative to the food we currently use in catering | Menu produced. Deemed to be too expensive to be put into mainstream usage, although some of the options may appear as specials in coming weeks (Complete 25.11.09) |
| 4/12/09 | Electricity | Now that individual monitoring for buildings on campus is in place, work with University to draw up a plan for reducing electricity usage | Date set with University's Energy and Environmental Manager in February to establish the minimum necessary usage to act as benchmark (10.12.09) |
| | | Access to the University's online monitoring system gained so that we can continually check our energy usage | Waiting on username from Energy and Environmental Manager (16.12.09) |
| 4/12/09 | Heating | Heating system within Union Offices is controlled by University and is not | Issue raised with Energy and Environmental Manager. We are being kept in the loop on any |

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| | | separated from other buildings within this part of campus. Discuss this issue with University Energy & Environmental Manager | changes that can be made to the heating system. (4.12.09) |
| 16/12/09 | Water | Move watercooler provision from PowWow to Aquaid to reduce environmental impact | Currently in process of investigation (16.12.09) |
| 5/1/10 | Procurement | Work with University Energy and Environment Manager to produce an updated Minimum Efficiency Specification List to act as a reference guide when we replace equipment or fittings | |
| 27/1/10 | Energy Saving | Running exercise at Staff Training Day to get ideas from all staff about areas where we could be saving energy within the building | |
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