

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- » The University shares environmental responsibilities with staff, students, contractors and visitors. Each of us has a role to play: if we each make small changes, we can collectively make a big difference.
- » While we go about our everyday activities, we need to understand the impact we are having on the environment, think for a moment about how to make small, positive changes – and collectively work towards a sustainable campus.
- » When thinking about our impact on the environment we need to consider the huge range of activities that go on at the University every day.
- The University has already taken action on many aspects of sustainability including cutting energy consumption and emissions, increasing recycling and reducing waste going to landfill to 0%, encouraging active alternatives to car transport, and ensuring that sustainable development and procurement are embedded in our practices.
- » We all have a shared responsibility to look after and protect our environment. But some staff have specific duties to promote and manage environmental concerns.

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- » Save energy wherever possible by turning off equipment and lights.
- » Be careful when using resources (e.g. print double-sided and in colour only when necessary).
- » Don't waste water (e.g. turn off taps).
- » Recycle your waste and don't contaminate recycling bins.
- » Raise concerns or new ideas improving environmental performance with department Green Champions.
- » Report environmental hazards such as chemical spills to your manager and where necessary to the Health, Safety and Environment Team.
- » Consider your transport options: a surprising number of people drive to the University even though they could cycle or use public transport.
- » Consider the environmental, social and ethical impacts of products and services that you buy.