

Glasgow University Union

Environmental Policy

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Policy Statement

- 1. Glasgow University Union (GUU) is committed to reducing our impact on the environment through reducing energy consumption, waste and water use and increasing our energy efficiency and ensuring the sustainability of our catering options.**
- 2. The aim of this policy is to set out how we will reduce our environmental impact.**
- 3. It is the firm belief of the board of management (the board) that due to the ongoing impacts of climate change it is our social responsibility to implement this policy.**

The GUU's Commitment

- 1. The GUU commits to reducing our energy consumption and increasing our energy efficacy. Including by;**
 - a. Ensuring, as far as possible, that all appliances are up to date and energy efficient,**
 - b. Ensuring that all appliances, lights, heating and water outlets are turned off while not in use.**
- 2. The GUU commits to reducing our waste output. Including by;**
 - a. Limiting, the use of single use cups, containers, cutlery, straws, etc,**
 - b. Reducing the use of non-recyclable materials,**
 - c. Ensuring that all recyclable materials are recycled,**
 - d. Ensuring that recycling facilities are up to date and used correctly by members, guests, the board and staff.**
- 3. The GUU commit to ensuring our catering options are sustainable including by;**
 - a. Offering quality vegan and vegetarian options in our kitchen, cafes, bars and at functions**
 - b. Ensuring, as far as possible, that meat options are sourced sustainably,**
 - c. Ensuring, as far as possible, that all our suppliers are sourced sustainably.**

Responsibilities of the Board of Management

- 1. The ultimate responsibility for this Policy rests with the board. We will ensure that it is implemented effectively, policed responsibly, monitored and reviewed annually. In particular, we will ensure:**
 - a. That our members, guests, employees, contractors and suppliers of goods and services are aware of this policy;**
 - b. That any proposal put before the board is in line with, and in the spirit of this proposal and contains a statement to that effect.**