

Changing our environment

Supporting your planet

Campus Services is committed to helping the environment and increasing awareness within the University.

Sustainability is a major part of our planning within Campus Services. As one of the largest departments in the University, we have changed the way we do things in our halls of residence, in our cafes, restaurants and our shops. Our approach and commitment to carbon management is key to service provision for students, staff, visitors and external organisations on a daily basis.

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Sustainability

Our approach and commitment is key to reducing waste. Our carbon management achievements to date include:

- A switch to energy saving light bulbs in all Halls of Residence
- no plastic carriers in University shops
- Recycling bags into all student flats
- Canvas laundry bags for students
- Launch of the BYOB - reusable cotton carriers for available to everyone
- Across all our eateries, we strive, where possible to ensure that any packaging is biodegradable or can be recycled.



Accommodation

On an annual basis, Campus Services accommodates over 3000 new students in our Halls of Residence, who continue to make their carbon footprint distinctive in today's shrinking world, is a real challenge. A small change to their everyday behaviour would contribute significantly to a greener Scotland and we are focused on getting that message across to them.

With dedicated recycle points; a wildlife garden; auto showers instead of baths; new heat efficient windows; energy saving lightbulbs and our end of term recycle campaign we strive to make a difference!



Fairtrade

As a part of a wider commitment to increasing the availability of Fairtrade products on Campus and awareness of Fairtrade within the University, Campus Services supplies Fairtrade coffee, black tea and sugar in all its delivered catering orders and eateries. Fairtrade wine and fruit juice options are also available for you to select. Wherever you are on campus, you have the power to impact positively on the lives of people around the globe through just by buying a coffee.



Coffee Grounds

We continue to recycle the coffee grinds from the staggering 116,700 cups of coffee (in one shape or another) we serve up monthly by offering it free to keen green finger people for environmentally friendly plant feeder and pest deterrent.



Healthy Living Award

Campus Services are extremely proud to say that we have achieved the Healthy Living accolade within the Hub and are striving to achieve this within our other sites around Campus. We are committed to making the food we serve to you healthier. Look out for the apple logo which denotes a healthy living choice using both healthier catering practices & healthier ingredients, making them lower in fat, sugar & salt.

Our Healthy Eating website has tips for staying healthy as well as healthy eating recipes. Visit www.abdn.ac.uk/foodforthought

Re-usable mugs

We continue to reduce the level of plastic and paper cups on all campus coffee bars. Our SMUG campaign has, in the last year, reduced the number of disposable cups being used by 11,275 with nearly 1000 Smug Mugs being sold across campus.

Feel SMUG...
Adopt a
re-usable MUG!



Vending

Our new 'Vending' contract stipulates the requirement to reduce emissions through reduced running costs, more efficient insulation, reduced materials used in construction, lighter machines using less fuel to transport and improved reliability requiring less site maintenance visits.

Future targets...

In Campus Services we have reduced the number of deliveries by consolidating the number of suppliers delivering provisions; we are about to introduce an initiative where by our daily dairy supplier, will have their milk and produce delivered to us via our Fruit & Veg supplier. Instead of their own vehicle, reducing the number of vehicle movements to our sites by over 3,750 a year!

- All our fresh eggs will be Free Range from August 2010.
- Our used Vegetable Oil is now collected and is turned into Bio Diesel.
- Campus services is aiming to reduce the amount of disposable plates & cutlery in a number of locations and over the coming months, will introduce the necessary facilities to service proper plates and steel cutlery.

In Delivered Catering , we are also making efforts to move away from the 9,600 plastic trays used in Delivered Catering annually, to a much more environmentally friendly, renewable sourced cardboard box which is 100% recyclable, compostable and biodegradable