



FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DECLARATION

We acknowledge that:

- Human activity puts strains on the environment with potentially devastating effect worldwide on economies, societies and the environment.
- Economic growth and development of our communities is a necessity for survival but we have to reconcile our needs with those of the environment to make this happen.
- Sustainable development can have a positive impact on local economies, communities and the environment.
- Further education colleges have a significant role to play in incorporating sustainable development into their own operations and the lives of the individuals, communities and businesses they serve.

We welcome the:

- Opportunities presented by the LSC and other organisations for colleges to address sustainable development
- Opportunities for colleges to become more energy efficient presented by Carbon Trust and other Government programmes and initiatives.
- Resource bank currently being developed by EAUC and other initiatives around the country enabling colleges to share and adopt best practice.
- Government's commitment to the climate change agenda.

We commit our college from this date _____ to the following positive action in support of this Declaration:

- Championing sustainable development from the very top of the organisation, working with Governors, staff and students to incorporate it within all college policies, practices and action planning
- Promoting sustainable development within our communities, working with employers, community organisations and other agencies to develop a more sustainable society
- Working with regional LSC staff to develop sustainability and achieve objectives set out in their strategy document "From Here to Sustainability"
- Ensuring a prudent use of resources within the college
- Ensuring college buildings are designed, constructed and managed to high environmental specifications that are realistically achievable
- Working with the local authority, transport providers and other agencies to develop safe, green and accessible routes to the college
- Working with students to develop the sustainability and sustainable work of the college
- Realising opportunities to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum where possible

Signed _____

Principal (on behalf of
the college corporation)

Name of College _____

Print Name _____