



## Terms of Reference for EAUC Ireland Regional Group

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- Provide added value to the core activities of the EAUC by providing a regional focus that is specific to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland;
- Encourage and support sustainable development, environmental performance and social responsibility throughout the Further and Higher Education sectors in Ireland;
- Provide a specialist focus on relevant issues by facilitating the exchange of information and the dissemination of best practice informed by those specific Irish issues;
- Report on EAUC Ireland activities, issues and ideas to the EAUC staff and Board as appropriate.

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- Provide a forum for all members to contribute their views;
- Reflect members' interest and practice;
- Be responsible for reflecting the interests of local/regional communities where requested;
- Be ambassadors for the EAUC and promote membership of the EAUC.

### Group Organisation and Structure

- The group can consist of Further Education and Higher Education Institutions, Strategic Partners and any other invited guests that would be relevant to the topics being discussed;
- There are no limits to the numbers on the group;
- The Ireland Convenor acts as the Chair of the group;
- The group will meet quarterly;
- The group may establish such groups and task teams as are necessary to promote the work of the EAUC Ireland - each comprising at least one member of the group.



## Group Areas of Interest

- Promoting the principles and practices of sustainable development, environmental performance and social responsibility;
- Raising and maintaining awareness of contributions to SD (Sustainable Development);
- Sharing best practice on the creation and annual review of Further Education and Higher Education Institutions written environmental policies;
- Disseminating knowledge to members on existing and new legislation specific to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. In addition to keeping members informed of local, national and international government initiatives related to sustainable development, environmental performance and social responsibility;
- Sub-group committees could focus on areas such as carbon reduction, Environmental Management Systems (EMS), sustainable procurement, space management etc.;
- A number of operational items may be included in the group's work, such as:
  - Biodiversity & urban landscape
  - Community involvement (including noise and nuisance)
  - Construction & refurbishment
  - Education for Sustainable Development
  - Energy & emissions
  - Health, welfare & safety
  - Income & investment
  - Water & discharges
  - Procurement
  - Transport
  - EMS
  - Waste.

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