Introducing Sustainable Food at the University of Brighton

A multi-award winning approach

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5 Campuses Falmer, Brighton 21,000 enrolled students 800 staff

Grand Parade, Brighton

nb, Brighton

Eastbourne



Hastings

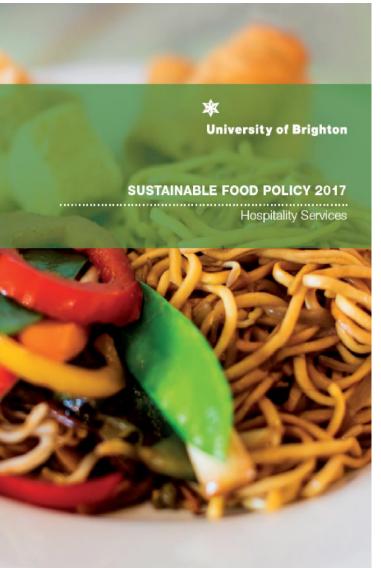
The University League



- Ranked top 25 since 2012
- Achieved First Class award for 6 consecutive years



Sustainable Food Policy



Fairtrade Procurement Drinking water Seasonal fruit & veg Milk Free range eggs Sustainable fish Plant based meals High welfare meat Waste & recycling Reduction of disposables Wellbeing Customer engagement Cutting carbon & water use

Policy is reviewed annually



Hospitality Services at UoB

- 19 individual outlets
- Services include Restaurants, Cafes, Catered hall meals, Summer language schools, Internal hospitality, Licensed bars, and Vending machines
- 170 members of staff including 75 students
- Turnover £5m p.a.
- Sustainable food policy reinforces the commitment made to sustainability as a university core value, and promotes a positive contribution to local communities



EAT IN – the catered halls food service <u>https://eat.brighton.ac.uk/eat-in</u>







Multi-Award Winning Hospitality







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Food and Drink – Highly Commended





Green Gown Awards 2015 Food Waste

http://www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk/green_gow n_awards_2015_food_and_drink_universit







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Love Food Hate Waste

- Worked with MA student to understand the causes of waste
- Reduced unnecessary food waste through staff behaviour change
- Processed all restaurant waste by Anaerobic Digestion
- Went trayless, and allowed second helpings







bringing the veg home



Field to Fork

- A university strategy to encourage the sourcing of local and seasonal food.
- The university backs Community Supported Agriculture, a partnership between farmers and the local community.
- Strategy led to a decision to look beyond existing national supply frameworks (TUCO) and issue a tender giving more opportunity to smaller, local growers and farmers.
- Hospitality services source majority of fruit and vegetables from within a 20 mile radius.



Field to Fork Sourcing Local Food

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c-change: Sustainability Communications

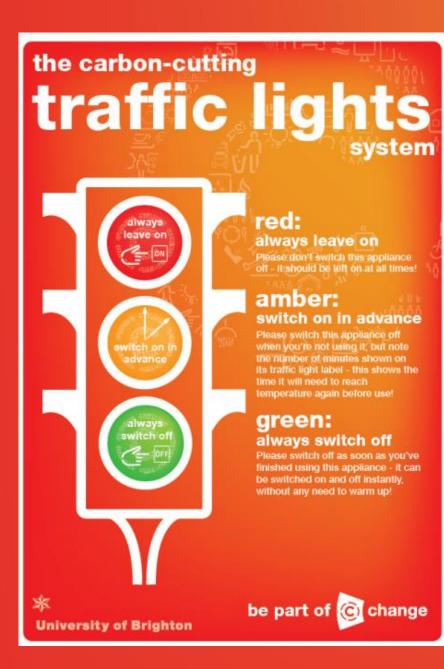


Operations related campaigns

Behaviour Change campaigns

Events

Social media



Appointed 'Hospitality Services Green Reps' to facilitate the campaign

Improved awareness of kitchen equipment warm up times and application of coloured stickers.

RED = always leave on

AMBER = switch on x minutes ahead of time

GREEN = always switch off after use

c-change Green Impact

University of Brighton participates in an NUS scheme where teams of staff work together to carry out actions to green their workspaces.

Actions are implemented throughout the year and teams are awarded a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award dependent on the number of criteria completed.



Online workbook

nus

green impact



About Help Contact

Intro

Bronze

Completed 1 of 17

Silver

Completed 0 of 16

Gold

Completed 1 of 15

Bonus

Completed 0 of 14

Catering

Completed 0 of 46

Caretaking and Cleaning

Completed 0 of 34

Special

Completed 0 of 4

Submit

Welcome to Green Impact!

Welcome to your team's Green Impact workbook.

Use the navigation tabs on the left to look at our University of Brighton bespoke workbook. This has been developed to help you and your colleagues improve the environmental performance of your areas of work.

If you are from a Caretaking/ Cleaners or Catering Team please view and complete the associated tabs on the left.

The Bronze/Silver/Gold/Bonus tabs are for completion by the Office Teams.

For Office Teams to gain the various award levels you will need to achieve the following:

Working Towards Accreditation - start doing any of the criteria even if it's only a few; Bronze - complete all the Bronze Criteria; Silver - complete all Bronze and Silver Criteria; Gold - complete all Bronze, Silver and Gold Criteria Achievement Report Profile Activity Log Evidence Uploads Archive Workbook

Team name: Estate & Facilities Management Members: Becca Melhuish Auditor 12 Lucy Kimberley



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Green Impact Catering Workbook

University of Brighton Hospitality Services has completed 2 years in a row.

1 of only 2 UK universities hospitality teams to participate.

Have changed practice around waste, packaging, energy use and procurement.

Led by the efforts of Jean Piper (Executive Chef), and Catering Green Reps (at each outlet)



Sustainable Restaurant Association



"One of the first UK universities to be awarded 3 stars with the SRA"



SRA Performance Areas:

Sourcing

- Local & Seasonal
- Ethical Meat & Dairy
- Environmentally Positive Farming
- Sustainable Fish
- Fair Trade



SRA Performance Areas:

Society

- Treating People Fairly
- Healthy Eating
- Community Engagement
- Responsible Marketing



SRA Performance Areas:

Environment

- Supply Chain
- Waste Management
- Workplace Resources
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Saving



Benefits of SRA membership

- Seen as a step up from the Soil Association Food for Life Accreditation.
- Requires engagement throughout the year.
- Provides excellent resources and phone support for issues as they arise, not just once a year audit.
- Represents good value for money.



An energetic and committed team is key to driving sustainable food initiatives



- Julie Baker (Director) Ex TUCO chair
- David Hicks (Assistant Director)
- Jean Piper (Executive Chef)
- A great staff team



Thanks for your time

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