

## Imperial College Union

### **ICU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY APPENDIX E**

#### *Environmental Policy Ten Point Plan*

#### **Introduction**

Imperial College Union is committed to reducing waste and carbon emissions through implementing its Environmental policy. It is the responsibility of everybody in ICU to modify our working practices and habits accordingly to reduce the negative impact our organisation has on the environment.

#### **We aim to:**

- Reduce the waste we send to landfill by 50% by 2010.
- Reduce our carbon emissions by 60% by 2009 and achieve carbon neutral status by 2012.

#### **We will achieve this by:**

1. Reducing our waste by using reusable crockery and cutlery instead of disposable crockery and cutlery in our catering outlets.
2. Reusing our waste by using reusable glasses and multi-use skiffs
3. Recycling as much waste as possible and ensuring that recycled waste is sorted into the correct bins. Large recycling bins are located in the Beit Quadrangle to empty recycling bins from within the Union building.
4. Introducing a composting scheme for food waste produced through The Union's catering services.
5. Reducing our water consumption through installing simple devices in existing appliances that use water.
6. Diverting rainwater into a water tank for use as grey water in toilets.
7. Reducing energy use by maximising building energy performance in the Beit Building Masterplan and by reducing energy wastage (i.e. by turning off lights and computers in the evening, turning down radiators in unused rooms, and so on).
8. Substituting carbon-emitting energy for renewable energy by lobbying the College to use energy supplies from a low-carbon source.
9. Supporting and where feasible, pursuing proposals for the installation of onsite renewable energy and zero-carbon technology on College Buildings.
10. Reducing the Union's dependency on air travel to destinations is shown in the Union's Tours Policy by not subsidizing air travel to certain destinations.

Where the above policies fail in reducing our carbon emissions sufficiently to meet our target, the Union shall offset the impacts of carbon emissions through carbon markets and by investing in low carbon projects. This policy shall be a last resort and should not exceed 50% of carbon reductions.