

Declaration of climate emergency

Birmingham City University (BCU) joins with other institutions, including the Government, in making a declaration recognising that there is a climate emergency, and that there is a pressing need for each institution to act to ensure that it supports sustainability across its activities.

For Birmingham City University, the primary areas of endeavour are:

1. **Carbon reduction:** energy, waste and consumption must all be reduced in order to lessen impact on the planet. We will move to being a zero carbon institution.
2. **Research:** as a university BCU recognises that it has a positive role to play in supporting research that enables improvements in sustainable practices.
3. **Education:** BCU will work as a single community, recognising that we all have a part to play in supporting sustainable practices and in helping to inform and educate one another.
4. **Finances:** we will work to ensure that our financial sustainability is not at a cost to environmental sustainability.

Birmingham City University recognises the good progress that it has made in improving its sustainability as an institution, but also recognises how much more there is to be done.

Through this declaration, Birmingham City University commits to putting in place a programme that will deliver a transformed university, with sustainability embedded in our curriculum and our operations. Our Environmental Plan will set out a comprehensive series of actions, with accompanying targets, including our commitment to being a Zero Carbon Institution.

Signed on behalf of the University by:

Professor Clare Mackie, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Julian Beer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

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