



The role of universities in supporting institutions to the target of net-zero emissions

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Sustainability & Climate Action at King's College London

- Education
- Research
- Estates



Climate and sustainability action



- The King's Climate Action Network
 - Aim: involve the King's community in climate action, listen to their input, and empower them to take collective action
 - Formed in October 2020 to co-create King's approach to climate action
 - Open to all students, staff, and alumni now over 400 members

Zero Carbon Estate

Procurement & Waste

Travel

Responsible Investment

Students & Community & Zero Carbon Research



Sustainability education



Online module co-created with students, open to all at King's



Education for Sustainability project funded by Quality Assurance Agency, with University of Gloucestershire and University of the Arts





Climate and Sustainability research



- Network of research hubs and institutes across faculties
- Research mapping:
 - What is the scope of our work?
 - Where can we make the most impact?
- King's Climate: connecting transdisciplinary research across the university
 - Building strong internal networks
 - Developing more sustainable research practices
 - External, impact-oriented engagement
 - Engagement with other university partners
 - Local and national policy partnerships





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