

## **An Environmental Students' Union**

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### **Union Notes:**

1. Anglia Ruskin Students' Union has made a commitment to improving its impact on the environment.
2. The Union has an existing Environmental and Recycling Policy
3. The Union and the University participate in Green Impact – an NUS directive
4. The Union has achieved Silver Green Impact 2011

### **Union Believes:**

1. That cost should not be a major limiting factor when it comes to the environment and our future.
2. That the students' union and university has a great opportunity to educate and change the lifestyle of its students towards more recycling and awareness for the environment.
3. That the University and Students' Union has an obligation and responsibility to educate students about the environment and sustainability.
4. That the University and Students' Union should set examples to students by trying to be more environmentally friendly and keep up to date with new initiatives.
5. That it is important for the culture to change within the staffing structures within the Union to encourage the autonomy of environmental practices.

### **Union Resolves:**

1. That the Officer team run an environmental campaign during semester 2 on current environmental issues.
2. That the development of Plan G – the Union's environmental and sustainability micro-site is continued and communicated to students.
3. That the links with ARU Environment, GSI, GRLI and other Environmental departments within the University are continually developed.
4. The Union will actively promote Environmental events both in the institution and within the community
5. The Union will lobby the University to implement a Biodiversity policy to ensure future campus developments are in the best interest for our local environment.
6. The Union will actively take on and lobby the University on 'Green Ideas' submitted by students via the Plan G micro-site.
7. To actively participate in Fair Trade Fortnight