

# Sustainability in LSE halls

## Key information for students



### How can I get involved?

- **Join the #SustainableLSE halls campaign** in partnership with the NUS. Help save energy, waste and water, with the National Union of Students (NUS). Get involved: [www.sos-uk.org/sustainable-accommodation-university/lse](http://www.sos-uk.org/sustainable-accommodation-university/lse)
- **Find out more** about sustainability at LSE at [lse.ac.uk/sustainablelse](http://lse.ac.uk/sustainablelse)
- **Follow** @SustainableLSE on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)
- **Speak** to your halls committee representatives and how you can support them.



### Waste and Recycling

- **Waste bins**  
Waste is segregated into **Mixed Recycling - General waste - Food waste**. Posters with full details of what goes in which bin are displayed in kitchens.
- **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**  
Please do not place those in bins. You can bring WEEE items to your hall receptions for recycling (eg, fans, desk lamps, rice cookers, irons, hair straighteners, etc.)
- **Batteries**  
A battery recycling bucket should be located prominently by the Halls reception.
- **Books**  
Most halls have a book collection and swap area (student common room areas). Books can be exchanged for free: please donate books as well as taking them!
- **Relove End of Term Collections** supporting the British Heart Foundation  
Donate your unwanted clothes, shoes, books and working electrical items to Charity for reuse, helping to fund research and support for heart disease. Look out for a **Red BHF 'collection box'** for bagged donations in **Summer term (May to June)**.



### Water

- London is a 'water stress' area, with limited supplies. Halls use large amounts of water for showers, cooking and washing. LSE invests in water efficiency measures (eg, showers, laundry facilities). Help conserve water by reporting leaks, switching taps off and taking shorter showers!



## Catering

- **Sustainable food**

Our halls Catering teams are working hard to serve local, seasonal, and sustainable food. They hold the **Soil Association Food for Life** and **Sustainable Restaurants Association** certifications. You can find out more on [their webpage](#).

- **Help us make a big difference**

Try the plant-based offerings, reduce your own food waste, and why not donate to or volunteer with LSESU FoodCycle collections? Catering are trialling '**Carbon Labelling**' of food to help you to make choices to lighten the load on the planet!



## Energy and Heating

- **Energy performance**

Your hall energy performance (gas and electricity) is shown on hall screens. Providing monthly feedback on consumption, compared to the previous year.

- **Lighting**

Your hall is equipped with sensor LED lighting in many places. But switching off manual lights helps too, and reporting areas over-lit or with faulty lighting sensors.

- **Heating**

Details on how to operate your room heating is detailed on the Sustainability notice board (or Halls Handbook). Close radiator valves if too hot in winter, rather than opening a window! Report any faults to reception for maintenance.

## Further information

- **Residences Environmental Working Group**

Meets termly throughout the academic year. Halls managers' report progress on their **Halls Environmental Action Plans**. A student halls committee representative takes part, working with the Sustainability team and the halls teams.

- **LSE Environmental/Energy Management Systems**

The halls form part of the scope of the whole LSE Environmental/Energy Management Systems; externally certified to ISO 14001 and ISO 50001. These are frameworks to continually improve environmental performance across the LSE. The halls and your actions play a key role in supporting this!

- **Questions?**

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