

Waste Action Plan 2020/21

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Targets

Mission: Reduce waste and adopt circular economy principles of resource management.

- Recycling rate: Increase overall recycling rate from 49% (2018/19) to 60% (2020/21)
- Waste: Decrease overall amount of waste from 1,668 t (2018/19) to 1,300 t (2020/21)
- Reuse: Increase reuse of coffee cups from 40% (2018/19) to 60% (2020/21)
- Exchange: To put in place a new system for exchange and reuse for staff members



Waste minimisation/Circularity

Aim: To increase reuse and minimise the overall amount of waste generated.

1. Food waste: Prioritise the reduction of food waste across LSE
 - Introduce a 25p charge for disposable food containers at LSE Catering outlets
 - Establish a clear process by which excess food can be passed on to charities
2. Exchange: Trial a platform for exchange and reuse of items for staff members
 - Warp-It or Paperclip
3. Furniture: Establish a process by which any furniture that needs to leave the campus goes for reuse or back to the supplier
 - E.g. BHF



Cleaners

Aim: To increase recycling rates across all buildings to an overall of 60%.

1. Training: Revise the waste training for new members of staff and a refresher training for existing staff
 - Prepare new materials for the training based on best practice in other institutions
 - An engaging session conducted for all cleaners at least once a term
2. Signage: Design and put in place clear signage in bin rooms
 - A universal poster for the halls and the campus alike, which explains which bags and streams go in which container
3. Contamination: Revise accepted contamination levels
 - Liaise with Facilities Managers and waste contractor to agree on best practice with regards to scanning bags for contamination



Halls

Aim: To increase recycling rates in halls to 60%.

1. Streams: ensure that all residences have collections for all 3 streams (DMR, GW, food)
 - E.g. Add food waste at Northumberland House and Grosvenor House
2. Bins: change the number of bins of each stream to reflect our recycling rate targets.
 - E.g. Instead of 4 GW and 2 DMR at Grosvenor House, move towards 2 GW and 4 DMR
3. Signage: introduce the same signage in all kitchens across the 8 residences
 - Research best practice in the area and work with the Marketing Team of LSE to design new signage



Catering

Aim: To increase reuse and minimise amount of disposables at catering outlets.

1. Pricing: optimise incentives for reusable items to make them more effective
 - Agree on a clearer system of 25p charge per disposable coffee cup and remove the discount
2. Signage: communicate incentives to reduce the number of disposables sold
 - Devise a marketing campaign alongside KeepCup and the Catering Marketing team, which clearly communicates the charges on coffee cups and plastic bottles
3. Staff: incentivise staff members to nudge customers to reuse
 - Organise a 1-month-long reusability rate competition between all cafes on campus
 - Recommend that staff members ask the simple question “Have you got your KeepCup today?”



Technology

Aim: To reduce the amount of electronic waste generated at LSE.

1. Contents: Audit the WEEE alongside the contractor and find out where most of it is coming from
2. Communication: Find ways to reduce WEEE at source
 - E.g. Incentivising reuse of electronics
3. Collection: Put in place a weekly collection of WEEE from the storage room at Pethick-Lawrence
 - Half a van with CDL every Wednesday, bigger volume upon request