

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

DTK College recognises that sustainable development is the key to our social and environmental responsibility as well as our continued & future economic performance.

We wholly embrace the ethos of sustainability and seek to promote, encourage, and nurture a sustainable environment/culture. We are committed to ensuring that we achieve this through:

- A holistic approach
- Providing a safe, healthy sustainable working environment for staff, learners, and other stakeholders
- Consistently encouraging staff and learners to acquire skills, values, and knowledge around sustainable development
- Sharing best practice on sustainability within DTK College and the wider community
- Continuous improvement in our overall services
- Communicating effectively to/through our stakeholders

The College seeks to develop a policy framework that will look at sustainability issues from the point of view of three key areas: *Estate, the Curriculum, and the Community*. This will enable staff and learners to have a greater understanding of how we can contribute to the improvement of the environment we live in.

1. Estate

The college aims to continue to promote best practice and environmentally friendly spaces:

- Procurement – develop and regularly implement procurement strategy ensuring that practices reflect sustainability development
- Promote sustainable travel – e.g., Walking, Car share, Cycle to Work where feasible
- Promote and develop Energy Conservation strategies: control costs and consumption to maximise efficient use of resources
- Develop waste management and recycling procedures in line with Newham Council policy.

2. Curriculum

The college offers a variety of curriculum programmes, and through this we aim to:

- To encourage acceptance and delivery of further education for sustainable development (ESD)
- To develop resources that can be used by staff and learners
- To raise awareness of current issues and actions that the college should support to develop ESD across a range of learning programmes
- To promote individual and community responsibility for sustainability
- To reduce waste in teaching materials.

- To develop an awareness and understanding of the environment and the effects that human actions have upon it.

3. Local Community

As a college, we work with a wide range of stakeholders within the community. We aim to work creatively and innovatively to:

- Promote community initiatives relating to Sustainable Development and awareness within the college
- Continue to liaise with other partners to share best practice
- Consistently seek opportunities to learn and improve
- Provide leadership where necessary and be supportive of joint working with stakeholders.