

Compliance and Risk Sustainability Update February 2012

Please read this Update but don't print it!



Reducing the University of Manchester's Carbon footprint

An important aim in the Green Impact scheme is to offer advice and information to staff on alternative forms of transport to the car. We're not telling people that they can't drive and, of course, it's not practical or reasonable for everyone to use alternative transport but it would be great if everyone checked to see if they are using the best form of transport for them and the environment.

<http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/campus/travel>

Something to also consider is the cross city bus scheme that is due to be in place by 2015 and parts of Oxford Road will be closed off to all traffic except maintenance vehicles, public transport and bicycles.

If you are thinking about or already use public transport, you can get an interest free loan for an annual public transport pass. This will help spread the cost over a year.

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If you do drive in, do you sit in queues behind the same cars every day? Have you thought about car sharing with them. Less cars = less cost.

We already have several members of the Compliance & Risk area who cycle in and it would be great if more people joined in. Just once a month you can have a big impact on your personal carbon footprint. There are lots of incentives to cycle in and you don't even need to cycle in on your own – there are groups who regularly cycle in from all over Manchester and there are lots of places on campus to shower and secure your bike.

Chocolate – Yum!!

Also, coming to a C&R team briefing near you, the chance to take part in the Green Team's chocolate tasting exercise – just a bit of fun!

Heating and Lighting

- It's important to remember that we shouldn't need to heat our offices to over 21 degrees Celsius. It might sound silly but try and come to work dressed for the conditions. Offices can be heated but you'll still be cold if you're wearing your summer clothes!
- Most areas in Compliance & Risk now operate a portable oil filled radiator loan system but it's important to remember that these should only be used in emergencies.
- Where you can, do check your central heating radiators to make sure that they are set at the right temperature and working effectively – if they're not then please report it to the Estates helpdesk on Ex 52424.
- Keep your office door closed – otherwise you'll be heating the corridor



Sustainable Food – Grow Your Own!

Another area that we're keen to promote is the area of sustainable food. We provided a few good examples of where to buy sustainable food in our December newsletter but now that Spring's on its way why not start thinking about growing your own.

Put your name down for an allotment with your local council (or half an allotment) or even closer to home why not thinking about cultivating a small veg patch in your garden or just a few pots of garden herbs on the window sill. If you don't have the space (or have lots of space) then take a look at the website below.

<http://www.landshare.net/>