

# Royal College of Music Environmental Policy

The College recognises its responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of its operations where possible and to seek to improve its performance through implementation of its policy.

The Chair of the Environmental Steering Group will be a member of the Directorate and will lead environmental issues in the College. He or she will ensure arrangements for compliance with environmental legislative requirements. All staff and students will be encouraged to contribute to the implementation of this policy.

The College aims, wherever possible, to:

- implement effective energy management;
- operate a purchasing policy that works to sustainability, energy efficiency and recycling through a whole life costing approach;
- engage with the higher education sector and local community to promote environmental best practice;
- review this policy regularly to ensure compliance with environmental legislation and to set future objectives and targets;
- To monitor the implementation of this policy and report annually to the Council.

## Five year Implementation plan

By 2014, the College will:

- Include environmental targets within all estates projects;
- Introduce a Building Management system in key areas of the Prince Consort Road campus;
- Insulate all accessible heating pipes;
- Install a new efficient boiler system on the Prince Consort Road campus;
- Increase recycling rates by 20% compared to 2009 levels.

## Future Implementation Strategy

- Formulate a five year environmental strategy setting out specific goals which can be measured and assessed;
- Encourage student participation and ensure department heads are aware of issues;
- Ensure all estate and maintenance projects explicitly include environmental considerations and liaise with architects and contractors to ensure compliance;
- Apply for *Green League* and *Green Gown* awards;
- Include environmental policy on website and publicise news of achievements and current issues;
- Engage local groups and other higher education institutions to discuss environmental policy implementation;
- Include an environmental element to student induction, including use of recycling facilities and minimising energy use.