

RGU Art & Heritage Collections

SUSTAINIBILITY POLICY

2013-2018

Name of governing body: **Robert Gordon University**

Date on which this policy was approved by management: **8 August 2013**

Date at which this policy is due for review: **31 Jan 2018**

Art & Heritage Collections Statement of Purpose

'The University Art & Heritage Collections give students, staff and the wider community inspiration, learning and enjoyment by preserving and presenting historic artworks and artefacts which reflect the history and achievements of Robert Gordon University.'

1. Introduction

In this policy the term 'sustainability' includes the natural, built, economic and social environments of Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. Robert Gordon University Art and Heritage Collections recognises its sustainability obligations to its staff, visitors, communities and stakeholders – both locally and globally – and to present and succeeding generations.

2. Sustainability Policy

Robert Gordon University Art and Heritage Collections commits itself to:

- 2.1. Communicate its environmental policy to staff, volunteers and other stakeholders and to raise awareness amongst these groups of their own environmental responsibilities and requirement to commit to environmental improvements;
- 2.2. Implement the requirements of Robert Gordon University Sustainability & Environmental Policy 2009 [available at <http://www.rgu.ac.uk/about/governance/policies-and-legal/general-policies>]
- 2.3. Implement the requirements of all relevant sustainability legislation and regulations and, where possible, exceeding any relevant minimum requirements.
- 2.4. Reduce its carbon footprint through prudent use of fossil fuels (through energy conservation, management and efficiency within buildings) and to switch to low-carbon fuel alternatives where possible; and encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport as principal means of travel by staff on museum business;
- 2.5. Reduce water consumed and waste created, and where possible, reuse and recycle before responsible disposal of surplus materials; to use recycled and recyclable materials wherever possible;
- 2.6. Integrate principles of environmental sustainability within all museum policies and practices, specifically to those relating to procurement of goods and services;
- 2.7. The Museum will encourage staff and volunteers to attend appropriate sustainability training and development.

3. Reviewing the policy

Our **Sustainability Policy** will be available on our website www.rgu.ac.uk/collections and social media as appropriate.

We will review the Sustainability Policy at least every 5 years

The date of the next review is January 2018