

**Climate
Emergency and
Sustainable
Development
Pledge**



1. Introduction

Understand – Engage – Enact

Climate change and ecological destruction are some of the biggest challenges of our time. Schools, colleges and universities, like all institutions, have a responsibility to address them; and to meet the UK government's target to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. Luminate Education Group seeks to do so much sooner.

We are guided in our endeavours by the [EAUC Climate Action RoadMap](#).

As a group, we aim to understand our impact on the environment. We will then engage our students, staff and stakeholders to enable us to enact positive changes.

Carbon Zero by 2035
with an aspiration to
achieve this by 2030

How?

We will commit to our pledge, develop a detailed roadmap to outline the actions, resources, time and behaviours that will be necessary to achieve our objectives.

Why?

Luminate Education Group is committed to improving the communities we serve and the world we live in. We want to see a world that is more equal. An essential part of this is protecting the environment for ourselves and others. It means being agile, innovative and forward-thinking.

We want Luminate Education Group to be at the forefront of green technology and excellence in sustainability.

2. Our Members

The members of Luminate Education Group are:

**HARROGATE
COLLEGE**

KC **Keighley**
College

**LEEDS
CONSERVATOIRE**

 **LEEDS CITY
COLLEGE**

 **Leeds
Sixth Form
College**

 **University
Centre Leeds**

 **YORKSHIRE CENTRE FOR
TRAINING &
DEVELOPMENT**

3. Our Values

The organisations (members) that are part of Luminate Education Group believe we are 'always stronger together'.

We are focused on working together to transform lives. We will do this by collectively providing outstanding education, training and outcomes for all of our students.

Our cultural indicators are:

- Few rules & clear boundaries;
- Energy & enjoyment;
- Passion & ambition, Ownership & performance, Creative & reflective;
- Collaborative & responsive



4. Luminate Education Group's Pledge

We pledge to:

- Become a net zero organisation by 2035, with an aspirational target of 2030
- Prepare our students and stakeholders with the knowledge and skills to thrive in a zero carbon economy
- Ensure our courses provide the region and its people with the skills required for a zero carbon future
- Ensure our students, staff and stakeholders are aware of the climate emergency, environmental issues, climate action and their role within it

Our curriculum

- Ensure carbon literacy is offered to all students
- Develop courses in sustainable development, business, services, engineering and the built environment that provide the skills for a zero carbon economy
- Introduce bespoke courses and training to help businesses operate sustainably and react to new opportunities and challenges
- Ensure sustainability is covered across the curriculum
- Raise awareness of global citizenship and social responsibility among our students

Our culture

- Embed green activities into student life
- Partner with organisations that value sustainability and work collaboratively with other organisations to strengthen our work
- Hold events to support climate action
- Embed sustainability into staff development and industrial updating
- Prioritise sustainability in governance and run a Group Climate Emergency Committee
- Encourage and support volunteering opportunities in climate action
- Achieve awards that recognise our work in sustainability

Our estate and services

- Measure our carbon footprint and publish the findings
- Actively reduce our carbon footprint and become Net Zero by 2035 or earlier
- Change our estate and buildings to allow for energy reduction and generation
- Develop policies to increase more environmentally-friendly travel
- Encourage biodiversity on our estate and help those in the community to protect it
- Ensure areas of our estate are dedicated to wildlife and planting
- Reduce waste and encourage responsible procurement

We work collaboratively to help drive change. The Sustainable Development Goals guide us.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

We can't do this alone. We will work with stakeholders, businesses and our community through networks, events and advocacy.



