The role of universities in supporting institutions to the target of net-zero emissions

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Sustainability & Climate Action at King’s College London

- Education
- Research
- Estates
Climate and sustainability action

- The King’s Climate Action Network
  - Aim: involve the King’s community in climate action, listen to their input, and empower them to take collective action
  - Formed in October 2020 to co-create King’s approach to climate action
  - Open to all students, staff, and alumni – now over 400 members

Zero Carbon Estate  Procurement & Waste  Travel  Responsible Investment
Students & Education  Community & Engagement  Zero Carbon Research
Sustainability education

Online module co-created with students, open to all at King’s

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Climate and Sustainability research

- Network of research hubs and institutes across faculties
- Research mapping:
  - What is the scope of our work?
  - Where can we make the most impact?
- King’s Climate: connecting transdisciplinary research across the university
  - Building strong internal networks
  - Developing more sustainable research practices
  - External, impact-oriented engagement
    - Engagement with other university partners
    - Local and national policy partnerships
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