

Climate Emergency Declaration

As an education provider and employer, the College places the utmost importance on the futures of our students and staff. A major part of this includes the region and environment we live in. That is why Dumfries and Galloway College has today joined with other Further and Higher Education providers in declaring a climate emergency and set its commitment to educate, innovate and lead on climate change matters.

By making this declaration the College is lending its full support to the declarations already made by the Scottish Government, the EAUC and other institutions and organisations. The College joins the calls for the Scottish and UK governments to commit the appropriate powers and resources to aid tackling the climate emergency as well as ensuring funding is available to all, for practical climate change actions.

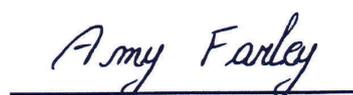
Dumfries and Galloway College understands that, as an education provider, it is best placed to engage a wide range of key stakeholders about climate, however education alone is not the answer. The College now calls for wider collaboration between all sectors and insists that meaningful actions and targets are put in place to begin the process of reversing the damage caused by climate change.

The College has been working to a Climate Change Action Plan since 2015 and has achieved a 28% reduction in carbon emissions in that time. The College will now, through the climate emergency declaration and a new action plan, set new targets and introduce new measures as follows:

- A target of carbon neutral by 2030 through a new Climate Change Action Plan.
- Provide organisational leadership to ensure Climate Change actions are a high priority across everything we do.
- Convene a permanent Climate Emergency working group which will consist of a wide range of College staff and students who will commit to working together as the voice of the College to tackle the climate emergency.
- Engagement with the local community on climate change matters, examining how the college can lead in helping the region meet its targets.
- Embed climate change and sustainability matters into the education we deliver.
- Work with wider communities, utilising our facilities, to help the local community work together to tackle fuel poverty.
- Become a centre of focus for businesses and communities looking to learn about renewable technologies and for businesses looking to promote the use of renewable technologies.

By signing this declaration, we fully commit to the ongoing Climate Actions of the College and will provide the full support and leadership to ensure the College meets it's commitment.


Principal and CEO


Student Association President


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