

# SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER



ATU Sligo Campus is strongly committed to the principles of sustainability as set out in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In recognition of our on-going efforts ATU Sligo Campus has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag for litter and waste and energy by An Taisce. In 2025 we will ambitiously pursue the Green Flag for biodiversity.

## OUR VISION

We will strive to empower transformation to a sustainable society for all our stakeholders including students, staff, the organisations we work with and the community in which we live and serve. We acknowledge that our operations, activities, and infrastructure affect our natural environment and the wellbeing of our planet. We are cognisant of our responsibility to reduce our impact and transition to a more sustainable campus. Central to our ambition is to embed sustainability throughout our student and staff experience

The purpose of this Charter is to communicate our ambition and to meet the requirement of the Green Campus Programme. It is a living document and updated annually.



## GOVERNANCE



ATU Sligo Campus will embed sustainability in all we do. This means a commitment to meet, or exceed, our environmental compliance obligations and include sustainability in decision making in all our activities.

We will reduce consumption of raw materials and resources, and sustainability will be a regular agenda item in management meetings.

Our Green Campus programme is directed by the Green Campus Committee, which represent our campus stakeholders. The committee engage with other stakeholders internally and externally to guide our activities, ensure relevance and promote collegiality.

## TEACHING LEARNING AND RESEARCH

ATU has attained the Athena SWAN Bronze award and will continue to strive for an environment that is inclusive, diverse, and rooted in equality. We support students and staff in their right to be sustainable citizens. Using the Sustainable Development Goals, we will work with all our stakeholders to embed sustainability practices into learning and research.



## OPERATIONS

ATU will exemplify best practice in sustainability throughout our facilities and operations. We will decarbonise before 2050 and develop ambitious targets to reduce our usage of natural resources & production of waste. We will promote sustainable transport. We will work to enhance biodiversity and habitat protection across campus.

## COMMUNITY

ATU will work with our partners and the wider community as a leader in the transition of the West/ Northwest region for a sustainable future. We will provide a campus that supports climate adaptation and resilience in our community.



Find out more about Green Campus at the ATU Sligo Campus, and the actions and targets to attain our vision of sustainability, at <https://www.atu.ie/campus/sligo>