



Environmental Policy

SRUC is committed to promoting sustainability in the land-based sector, helping to mitigate climate change and minimising any adverse impact of our activities, directly and through our influence on others.

To achieve excellence in sustainable development we provide further and higher education to prepare future generations with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding. Our main goal is to embed sustainability in learning and teaching, and to support careers that contribute to sustainability both directly and through sparking debate on the complex issues surrounding a sustainable world.

Being a member of Adaptation Scotland Public Sector (PSCAN) contributes our understanding as we undertake world leading research on climate change mitigation and adaptation, particularly in the agricultural and wider land-based sectors. Through our consultancy and education functions, we foster collaborative relationships between research and education. This ensures that research is translated into impact as quickly and effectively as possible to support and inform Scotland's land-based sector.

SRUC expects all staff and learners to be mindful of the environment. We will work with partners and community organisations to help others understand how to protect, maintain and enhance the environment.

Our pledge is always to meet or exceed relevant environmental regulations, and other environmental related requirements, through the continual improvement of systems that manage the environment and prevent pollution.

SRUC complies with the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 Sustainable Procurement Duty, meaning whole life cost (production, use and disposal) will always be considered when procuring goods or services.

Our commitment to act on climate change mitigation and adaptation includes action to meet the Scottish Government's target date for net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2045. To meet this challenge our Board has approved a 'Net Zero' compliance date of 2040. We will continue to develop and monitor our Climate Change Action Plan and our environmental objectives and targets to assist in meeting our obligations and commitments.

In addition, we are committed to maintaining ISO 14001 Certification at the SAC Consulting: Environment Team by securing and supporting resources required to maintain this internationally recognised environmental accreditation. Our consultants deliver end-to-end sustainability solutions for our clients and help them rise to the challenge of climate change, biodiversity loss, food security and sustainable land use.

We monitor and review this policy annually, and revise it where necessary, to ensure that it is, and remains effective.

Professor Wayne Powell
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