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Sustainability Policy

Undergraduate

Open Days

4 & 5 October 2024

University of Galway looks forward to welcoming prospective students and visitors onto campus for our open days. Sustainability is a key value for University of Galway and is at the heart of everything we do. We aim to deliver highly engaging and interactive open days for prospective students and we encourage open day visitors to learn, live and lead sustainability as part of the university community over the course of the event.

Learn

University of Galway continues to embed sustainability literacy into all aspects of University learning and research. Students interested in a degree with a sharp focus on solving sustainability and environmental challenges may be interested in the following talks/activity taking place at Open Day:

10.45am	Earth & Ocean Sciences	McMunn Theatre, Purple Zone
10.45am	BA (Geography & Geosystems)	AC202, Purple Zone
11.30am	Environmental Science	Tyndall Theatre, Purple Zone
11.30am	Marine Science	McMunn Theatre, Purple Zone
All Day	Energy Systems Engineering	Engineering Exhibition, Green Zone
All Day	Interactive Science Zone	Purple Zone

Students can also learn about sustainability outside the formal curriculum through student organisations, clubs and societies and volunteering. Visitors to open day are invited to talk our staff and students about the sustainability across all aspects of student life.



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Live

You can expect to live the following sustainability measures when you visit campus for open day:

- Reduced distribution of brochures/leaflets:
 - All prospective students will receive a welcome pack which will include a recyclable university prospectus. All other course material is likely to be available to download with a QR code system promoted at each exhibition space.
 - We have committed to not printing new course material for the open day (with the exception of some material required for accessibility purposes). In some places, existing printed stock of brochures may be available but no new printing will take place.
- Visitors are encouraged to choose sustainable options to travel to campus such as public transport, walking and carpooling. A map of cycling facilities on campus will be provided to all pre-registered visitors. University of Galway is providing buses from a number of towns on the 8th of October (promoted in nearby secondary schools).
- Open Day registration is moving fully online and paper based registration will be eliminated (unless required for accessibility purposes).
- Outdoor tours are included in the programme to encourage visitors to experience the campus and include some physical activity in the day.
- We have committed to reusing existing exhibition signage and not to print any once-off signage (with the exception of necessary health and safety and essential directional signage). Any new signage has been designed for longevity and long term use.
- Plastic bottles of water will no longer be provided, instead staff will be encouraged to bring a water bottle and water fountains will be provided.
- The open day promotion will be a 'digital-first' campaign with only core material printed (e.g. the open day programme).
- We will share highlights of the sustainability efforts on our social media channels before and during the event.

Lead

- We will continue to place sustainability goals at the heart of our open day planning. Visitors will be invited to provide feedback on our sustainability measures (in the post open day survey) and we welcome feedback and suggestions anytime to opendays@universityofgalway.ie
- Open Day visitors are invited to find out more about sustainability at University of Galway:
 - Follow us on Twitter [@GaillimhSustain](https://twitter.com/GaillimhSustain)
 - On Instagram [@uniofgalwaysustainability](https://www.instagram.com/uniofgalwaysustainability)
 - Check out our sustainability website www.universityofgalway.ie/sustainability
 - Read our Sustainability Strategy [here](#).

