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Buildings and Energy

Most denominations have set a target date for achieving net zero carbon emissions, and the UK government has targets of a 77% reduction on 1990 emissions by 2035, and net zero carbon by 2050. Many of the steps outlined in this category point towards good building maintenance for the long term. They help to equip our buildings for a changing climate with more extreme weather, and to maintain them as welcoming and functional spaces.

There are two pathways through this category of the survey:

> Pathway 1: Colleges which own and operate out of their own buildings
>
> Pathway 2: Colleges which do not own or manage any buildings (e.g. those that use a rented space or meet online)

Please use the 'Comments' box at the end of this category to expand on any of your answers, including where you have answered 'Other', and anything else related to this survey category. Please refer to the Eco College Overview document for further guidance about completing this category. For more information and to look at all the Eco College questions, visit the Eco College webpage.

Pathway question

1. Please identify which pathway best fits your situation. Please include all the buildings you own, manage or use. Some colleges may have some buildings which they own, but also rent spaces. If this applies to your college, choose the pathway that you think best suits your circumstances.

- ☐ Pathway 1: Our college owns and operates out of our own buildings
- ☐ Pathway 2: Our college does not own or manage any buildings

Pathway 1: Our college owns and operates out of our own buildings

Commitment

2. Our college recognises the climate and nature crises and we have committed to reducing our carbon footprint year-on-year.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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3. Our college has appointed an Eco College team and team leader to help us make progress with Eco College. The team includes academic and non-academic staff and students.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Our Eco College team has the confidence and knowledge to carry out their role and/or has access to appropriate training or support (e.g. Carbon Literacy training).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Theme 1: Carbon measuring

5. We have measured the carbon footprint of our college activities, including (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Expenditure
- ☐ Waste and water
- ☐ Not measured

6. What is the carbon footprint of energy used in your college building(s)?

- ☐ Less than 10 tonnes per year
- ☐ 10–50 tonnes per year
- ☐ More than 50 tonnes per year
- ☐ Not measured

7. Our college reports our progress towards net zero carbon to our overseeing body (e.g. trustees, governing body or denomination).

- ☐ Routinely
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never

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8. Our college has a net zero action plan.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Theme 2: Building(s)

9. Our college has sought appropriate advice on practical measures to reduce the carbon footprint of our building(s).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

10. Our college undertakes regular planned maintenance of our building(s), including the roof(s) and gutters.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

11. Our college has draught-proofed our building(s) as much as is reasonably practicable.

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

12. Our college has insulated all exposed heating pipes, etc.

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

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13. Our college buildings' walls, roof(s) and floor spaces are insulated.

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

14. Our college buildings' windows are at least secondary or double glazed, or have a protective layer installed.

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

15. Our college uses LED lighting.

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

16. Our college's electricity supply is on a renewable energy tariff.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partly
- ☐ No

17. Our college's oil or gas supply is:

- ☐ Non-existent, we don't use oil or gas
- ☐ Ongoing, but we have plans in place to move away from oil/gas
- ☐ Ongoing, and we do *not* have plans to move away from oil/gas
- ☐ NA (we cannot currently change our oil or gas supply as there are no available alternatives)

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18. Where our boilers are domestic, they are A-rated in:

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings
- ☐ NA (we do not have any domestic boilers)

19. Our college has installed a building management device or system to monitor and control the heating in our building(s).

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

20. Our college has installed a building management device or system to monitor and control the lighting in our building(s).

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

21. Our college has installed heat pumps, electric boilers, or other electric heating systems in our building(s).

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

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22. Our college has installed solar PV or other renewable energy generation capacity in our building(s).

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

23. Our college has installed the following water-saving devices (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Water butts
- ☐ Cistern hippos
- ☐ Water-efficient toilets
- ☐ Grey water collection
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No action yet

24. Our college's water supply is metered in:

- ☐ All buildings
- ☐ More than 70% of buildings
- ☐ 30–70% of buildings
- ☐ Less than 30% of buildings

Theme 3: People and policies

25. Our college has a building(s) operations plan with a focus on minimising energy use and maximising energy efficiency.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

26. Climate resilience means looking to the future to prepare for, and cope with, more extreme weather and a changing climate. Our college has a climate resilience plan that considers the building(s) and people.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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27. Our college has a procurement policy and/or practice that (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Prioritises high efficiency ratings for new products and appliances (e.g. in the kitchen, IT)
- ☐ Prioritises low-energy products
- ☐ Prioritises circular production methods
- ☐ Prioritises ethical IT services (e.g. search engines, website hosts, phone providers, mailing systems, etc.)
- ☐ Includes recycling/selling/rehoming items that are being replaced
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No action yet

28. Our college has a waste and recycling policy to minimise waste. Our policy covers (choose all that apply):

- ☐ Packaging (e.g. bottles, cans, plastic)
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Office waste
- ☐ Appliances and IT equipment
- ☐ Furniture
- ☐ Green waste
- ☐ Building waste (e.g. rubble, metal)
- ☐ Landfill
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No action yet

29. Our college has a lettings policy which prioritises the sustainable use of our site.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ NA (our college does not have a lettings policy)

Pathway 2: Our college does not own or manage any buildings

Commitment

2. Our college recognises the climate and nature crises and is committed to reducing our carbon footprint year-on-year.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. Our college has appointed an Eco College team and team leader to help us make progress with Eco College. This team includes academic and non-academic staff and students.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Theme 2: Building(s)

6. Our college discusses the climate and nature crises with the owners/managers of the building(s) we use and seeks to influence them in moving towards net zero carbon emissions.

- ☐ Routinely
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never
- ☐ NA (we do not use any buildings)

7. When identifying venues to hire or rent for the college we choose those (choose all that apply):

- ☐ With high sustainability credentials
- ☐ That are accessible by public transport
- ☐ NA (we do not hire or rent any buildings)

Theme 3: People and policies

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- ☐ Green waste
- ☐ Building waste (e.g. rubble, metal)
- ☐ Landfill
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No action yet

10. Our college minimises the use of heating, lighting and water in the building(s) we use.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ NA (we do not use any buildings)