



# Towards a University of Edinburgh Sustainable Food Policy

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# The Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability

We exist to enable the University to understand, explain and deliver on its ambition to be a leading socially responsible and sustainable University.



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# What we do

Providing high quality advice, support and action on social responsibility and sustainability

- We **understand and explain** what the important risks and opportunities are
- We **develop** the University's response to these challenges and opportunities
- We **deliver** and facilitate programmes to catalyse action and collaboration across campus



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# Areas that we work on

- Energy
- Resource efficiency
- Travel
- Sustainable labs
- Purchasing
- Learning and teaching
- Reporting our greenhouse gas emissions
- Food and growing!



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# Why?


“Our mission is to make a significant, sustainable and socially responsible contribution to Scotland, the UK and the world.”

University of Edinburgh Strategic Plan 2012-2016



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# Why?


“A public body must, in exercising its functions, act...  
in a way that it considers is most sustainable.”

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009



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# Why does food matter for sustainability?



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# Why does food matter for sustainability?

- Environmental impacts
- Social impacts
- Economic impacts



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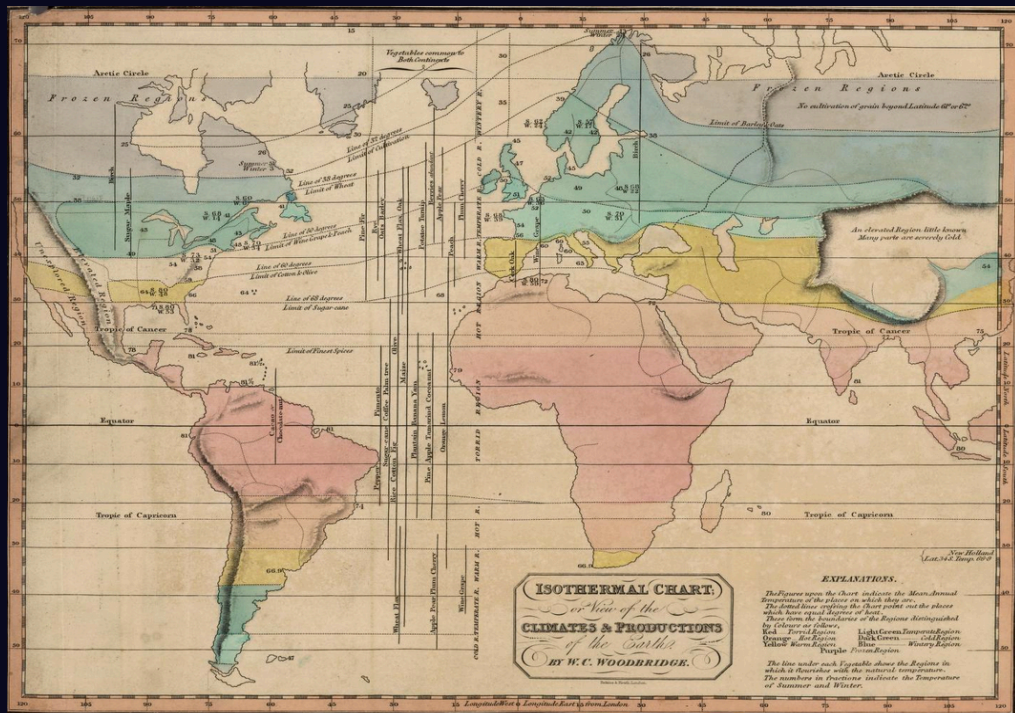


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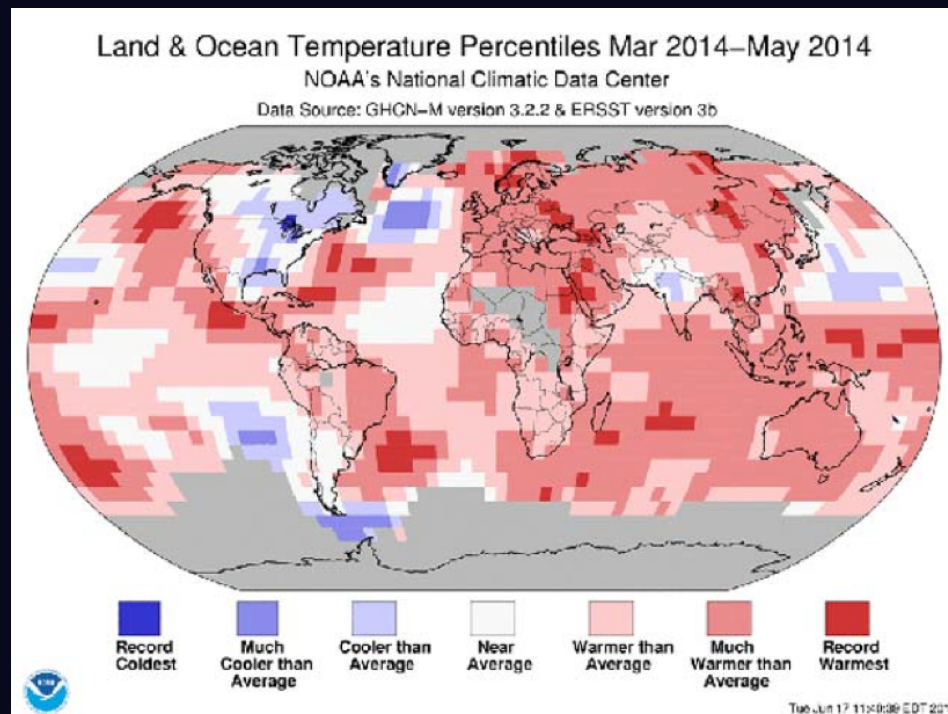


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# And at the University?

- Staff and students expect us to take action
- Keeps us in line with what's happening nationally
- We have the potential to make a big difference



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# So what's already happening?



Courses

Student Societies

Fresher's Food Festival

Be Sustainable Guide



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# Why have a sustainable food policy?

- Improving practices
- Holistic approach – going beyond just food provision
- Keeping up with our peers
- Accountability
- Transparency



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# Activity

Get into groups and pick one of the five areas, then discuss

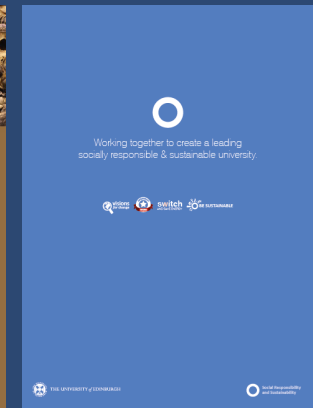
- Is there anything missing?
- What steps should the University take to meet these commitments?
- What data would help?

# Questions?

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