

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOW UNIVERSITIES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## Research and Education



Not limited to the Environmental Sciences ...

societal behavioural economic

Need to embed climate literacy into All disciplines



Graduates possess the skills to make a positive difference

University's purpose? Societal and Civic engagement

Institutional Change

Embed sustainability in ALL Strategic plans

Low impact buildings and refurbishments

Renewable energy sources



Not sustainable

Recycling and waste management

Campus biodiversity Travel policies







Parents surveyed by Universities UK were

unaware that Universities were involved with Climate research

limited awareness?

HE and FE Climate Commission and the DfE Strategy for sustainability

Whole Institution Action

Leadership and power

Universities can influence local and global policy

Support businesses to change - KTPs, Placements etc



Measure

changes and impact

and report

focus on sustainability not just net zero (working towards ALL of the UN sustainable development goals)

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