



MARINO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION GREEN CHARTER

Our Commitment to Sustainability:

As an educational institution, Marino Institute of Education has a role and a responsibility to our community to embrace sustainability and promote sustainable development, throughout all our activities. Marino Institute of Education (MIE) is dedicated to embracing sustainability as a fundamental aspect of our institutional ethos. The Institute launched its Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 which espouses a future vision of the Institute based on five strategic priorities: Teaching, Research, Universal Access, Sustainability, and Technology, putting "TRUST" at the centre of all activities at MIE.

We are committed to:

- ✓ **Balanced Development:** Striving for balance among environmental, economic, and societal considerations.
- ✓ **Leadership in Sustainability:** Taking proactive steps to lead in environmental sustainability practices including appointing a sustainability institute lead in 2021.
- ✓ **Environmental Management:** Operating our campus in a manner that enhances the local and global environment.
- ✓ **Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure:** Developing buildings and services with biodiversity and environmental preservation in mind.
- ✓ **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Working towards lowering our carbon footprint.
- ✓ **Resource Efficiency:** Promoting sustainable practices such as efficient transport use, waste reduction, green procurement, recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation.
- ✓ **Integration of Sustainability:** Incorporating sustainability principles into all aspects of our institution including induction, teaching, training, and research.
- ✓ **Funding for Sustainability:** Allocating resources to support on-campus sustainability initiatives and innovations.
- ✓ **Continuous Improvement:** Striving for ongoing environmental enhancement and pollution prevention while ensuring compliance with relevant legislation.

Green Campus Initiatives:

We have committed to the Green Campus Charter and are actively pursuing our first Green Flag Award. Through our Green Campus Committee and the 7-Step Programme, we:

- ✓ **Establish:** A Green Campus Committee comprising students and staff.
- ✓ **Review:** Conduct environmental reviews for each theme.
- ✓ **Implement:** Action plans based on the reviews.
- ✓ **Monitor and Evaluate:** Assess the effectiveness of our actions.
- ✓ **Embed Sustainability:** Integrate sustainability principles into all our programs.
- ✓ **Engage:** Inform and involve the entire MIE community.
- ✓ **Develop:** Continuously refine our Green Charter.

Current Focus:

Our current focus is on increasing biodiversity and reducing litter and waste. However, we remain committed to taking action on other themes such as energy, water, transport, and digital whenever possible.

Get Involved:

All members of the MIE community are invited to join our Green Campus Committee. Interested individuals can email sandra.austin@mie.ie or watch for notifications of our next meeting, which are circulated to all staff and students.

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Summary:

The Green Campus Committee, underpinned by a student partnership approach, plays a vital role in executing our sustainability initiatives. Through various events and activities, students and staff actively contribute to promoting sustainability on campus and beyond.

By embracing sustainability as a core value, MIE strives to foster a greener, more environmentally conscious community, aligning with our strategic vision and contributing to a better future for all.

