

# FAI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

FAI is committed to following the principles of sustainable development. Responsibility for keeping our surroundings and premises tidy and ecological concerns both our staff and student. These principles are part of all our activities, from management to everyday lessons.

Our five focus sectors are:

1. Economic thinking, ecological efficiency and lifecycle-mentality
2. Renovating and maintaining school buildings and ensuring comfortable surroundings
3. Keeping a safe and healthy working environment
4. Preventing isolation, discrimination and physical or mental violence
5. Openness, collaboration and open participation.



Our institute's sustainable development work is guided by the ecological certification programme for Finnish Institutes. The certificate for sustainable development was awarded to the field of Business Economics and Administration in 2015, Tourism, Catering and Domestic Services in 2016 and Technology in 2017. Our goal is to seek certification for our entire institute by 2020.



## Eco Tips!

- We use digital information management systems and presentation technology.
- We print condensed - both sides of the paper.
- We think before we print.
- We run computers and other devices in energy saving mode.
- We turn off computers and other devices at the end of every day.
- We consume with care, recycle, sort, upcycle and reuse.



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# WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO BE SMART WITH WASTE

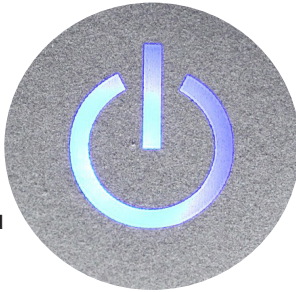
## 1. We avoid unnecessary energy use

Best sort of waste is the kind you avoid altogether. Proofread before printing, make two-sided copies and prefer Wilma, Itslearning and email.

We buy using care and buy energy efficient, long-life devices, which can be maintained and repaired. We pay attention to material waste and think about device lifespan before purchase. We prefer low consumption products.

## 2. We save energy

We should pay more attention to energy use, as our offices and classrooms are full of electronics. This is why we turn off all lights, computers and screens in classrooms and offices. Turning off fluorescent lights is worth it, even if you are only away for a short time, as turning them on or off does not reduce their lifespan.



We do not hide heaters behind curtains or furniture, as heat needs to disperse evenly throughout rooms. We let in natural light during the day whenever possible. A healthy and energy-smart temperature for a room is between 20 and 22 degrees.

Finns consume around 155 liters of water a day. We aim to save water, running it only when necessary and only washing full loads of dishes.

We report leaky and dripping taps to the staff. Remember, running water does not have to run the whole time!

## 3. We eat what we take



We eat all the time, so we need to be mindful of our choices and the environmental load that comes with them. Throwing away edible food is a waste of natural resources. We only take as much as we can eat, and go for seconds when we need to. We sort waste food into biodegradable waste.

We use washable dishes for food and drink and avoid disposables.

## 4. We sort all our waste properly

Following instructions for sorting waste saves natural resources and does nature a solid. Reusing materials is eco-friendly, as properly sorted waste can be recycled for reuse or burned for energy. It is everyone's job to sort their waste.

**SORT, UPCYCLE AND REUSE**

## 5. We keep our surroundings clean

To keep our facilities clean and tidy, we look after tools and equipment like our own, and we put them back in their place when we are done with them.

We report broken or faulty tools and equipment to the staff. We make sure all smoking places are kept tidy and free of rubbish.

Staff and adult students should offer a positive example in tidiness, smoking customs and general manners.

Having things in tidy order makes our working environment nicer and safer, making it easier to work and study.

