

Lighting



While the University continues its programme of investment in more energy-efficient lighting, the most beneficial change that staff and students can make **right now** is simply to turn off lights when they are not needed.

Make full use of natural light in your office and switch off all unnecessary lights when you leave a room.

It is a popular myth that it is cheaper to leave fluorescent lights on than switch them off and on. It's much cheaper to turn lights off when not in use even for a very short amount of time. A modern fluorescent tube uses over 500 times more energy if left on for 15 minutes than the energy needed to restart it.

Other small, simple changes in behaviour can add up to big energy savings:

- Open your blinds instead of switching on the light
- Not enough light? If possible, move your desk to a better position
- Last one to leave the office, meeting or teaching room? Switch off the lights!!
- Don't switch on all the lights when only a few are needed
- Report faulty lighting promptly – a flickering tube uses more electricity and is also very distracting. Report any lighting fault to Facilities immediately via the staff page.
- Elect a member of staff responsible for ensuring that all lights, photocopiers, printers and computers are fully turned off at the mains at the end of the working day.

Did you know?

Lighting an empty office overnight wastes enough energy to heat water for 1000 cups of coffee