



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM



University of Birmingham benchmark review

Lead Organisation:

University of Birmingham

Partners:

i-Clean

The Project

The project included a unique partnership between one university and an advisory partner organisation with vast experience in the benchmarking of cleaning, recycling and waste services to organisations in all sectors. They worked together to address issues through improving the campus sustainability and minimising the impact that the University of Birmingham has on their local community.

During the project, i-Clean conducted a benchmark review involving site visits to review: bin configurations, collection processes and scheduling of all streams. This included an inspection of bins to understand which materials were being removed from site. The investigation also involved investigation into invoicing processes, weight data and reporting methods for accuracy and compliance.

Aims

The Benchmark review aims to identify further areas for improvement in the University of Birmingham's award winning joint recycling scheme and to add value to their forthcoming projects.



The Outcome

Results

- Following the investigation, i-Clean drew up a virtual map of waste leaving the campus, including costs and end of life solutions.
- Strategies, recommendations and a vision for the future were included in an output report on all processes across the University associated with recycling and waste.
- Trials on food waste generated by accommodation areas to an AD solution are soon to commence.
- Trials are about to commence for a 'clear bag policy' which has the potential to increase recycling by a further 20%.



In the Future

The University of Birmingham look forward to working with i-Clean on their forthcoming projects with a very clear vision of their needs, and increased options to drive further sustainable initiatives which will be embedded into the University's recycling programmes.

The Extra's

Links and Downloads

University of Birmingham:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/

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www.i-clean.info

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