

ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

COLLEGE SMOKING POLICY

Version 2

In accordance with the duties placed on the College under the provisions of the Health Act 2006, smoking will be prohibited throughout College and Students' Union premises and in, on, or on, their respective vehicles. The only exceptions permitted under the Act and which the College is prepared to accede to are as identified in 1 and 2 below.

- 1 In individual rooms in residential accommodation and only those which have been specifically designated by the College as 'smoking rooms' on the basis that they are, as stated in the Act: '... where a person has his home, or is living whether permanently or temporarily...'. Smoking must not take place in areas such as common rooms, corridors, kitchens and rooms designated as non-smoking.
- 2 In a limited number of cases approved by the College and as stated in the Act: 'For the purpose of making provision for those participating as performers in a performance, or a performance of a specified description, not to be prevented from smoking if the artistic integrity of a performance makes it appropriate for smoking to take place ...'.

Staff and students have found that tobacco smoke being drawn into buildings is unpleasant; it is also potentially harmful. The College will not, therefore, permit smoking to take place within 5 metres of any building, being a distance that should ensure that no person is subject to potential harm or discomfort. There is no intention to identify demarcation lines around buildings and staff and students are asked to self-regulate on this issue.

As with the introduction of the previous College Smoking Policy published on 18 March 2003 the co-operation of staff, students and visitors in adhering to the legislation and this Policy, is also expected. While the College is committed to enforcing its legislative obligations, all are reminded that the Act does lay down penalties for those who are in breach of its requirements. Both the College and individual members of staff and students face fines for breaches of the legislation which will ultimately be enforced by Runnymede Borough Council.

The College expects the co-operation of all in adhering to the requirements of this Policy and is committed to enforcing its provisions should that be necessary.

Advice is available for those who may wish to give up smoking; students should contact the Students' Union Welfare Officer and staff, the Health and Safety Office.

Dr Richard Fisk
Health & Safety Adviser
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'In accordance with the College's commitment to equality and diversity, this Policy has been written and screened to avoid discrimination and promote a positive approach to race, disability and gender issues. Comments on the content of this document should be directed to Mrs Leanie DuToit in the College Health and Safety Office.'