**Public Benefit**

Middlesex University is an independent Higher Education Corporation with powers defined under the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Further and Higher Education Act 1992. Its Instrument of Government was approved by the Privy Council in March 1993.

The University is also an exempt charity under the Charities Act 2011 and subject to monitoring by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) in its role as principle regulator under the terms of the charities Act 2011. This act requires the University to demonstrate clearly the public benefit it provides and that these are related to the aims of the University. For the purposes of charity law the Governors are the trustees of the University and, as required, have regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

At Middlesex, we put students first and aim for the best possible outcomes for our students. We enable our students to become partners and co-creators of their future success.

We want to achieve this while opening up opportunities, attracting students from diverse backgrounds as we see a mix of perspectives and influences is a resource for learning, personal development and social change.

We have become truly global but our sense of community is still very important. Our Hendon campus is in Barnet, one of London’s largest boroughs, where nearly 16,000 students and almost 1,800 staff work and where we generate more than £280m a year for the local economy. The University supports 3,800 local jobs.

Middlesex University invests in research that develops and enhances our students’ learning. Our research focuses on scientific, professional, business and creative challenges that engage with industry. Our research has real world impact that enhances the influence and relevance of our scholarship and reputation, and our teaching is informed by the latest research and practice.

**Volunteering and community work**

The University sits at the heart of Hendon’s civic centre and plays a significant role in the community. From taking part in litter picks through to hosting major events such as the North London Literary Festival or organising a series of events to support national initiatives such as Mental Health Awareness week the University continues to fully participate in local life.

Our sports and recreation team actively engage students and staff in a wide variety of community development initiatives, many of which are linked to sport. Activities undertaken last year included delivering sports coaching sessions in local primary schools and at borough sports events and delivering sports and fitness instruction to children deemed to be ‘at risk’.

Over 450 staff and students took part in the Sport Relief Mile, raising a total of £1,500 for charity. The event was support by parents, teachers and pupils from St Joseph’s and Northway primary schools based in the local area.

The Sports and Recreation Service also organised additional sport activities including a charity cricket match and a pillow fight with the Students’ Union, raising an additional £150 for charity.

**Sustainability**

Sustainability has remained a top priority for the University. We are a member of the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges participating in the London Universities Environment Group. We have developed our environmental management system further, improving our resource use and making good on our policy aspirations.

We have continued to run ‘Go Green Week’ getting our students and staff involved in environment activities; we worked with the London Wildlife Trust to develop a Biodiversity Action Plan; and we created sustainability information at this year’s Fresher’s Fair informing students of travel, waste and recycling at home.

We have extended our commitment to sustainability in the new Ritterman Building which has been developed with a living wall, allowing the building to recycle rain water.