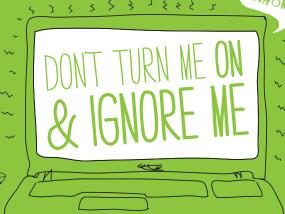


SIMPLE IDEAS FOR SUSTANABLE LIVING ON LANCASTER UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

ABOUT GADGETS



Laptops are awesome devices: the swiss army knife of student life. Which is nice because they are also much less power-hungry than desktop PCs. But not all laptops are equal. If you're one for just "closing the lid" don't assume your laptop is fully asleep: some continue to draw power, even when fully charged.

Desktop PC's usually have "groupies" - lots of peripherals such screens, printers, amps, speakers, extra drives that all require power. These set-ups can consume a surprising amount of electricity. Especially if they are never shut down. And many are not. This convenient. state of readiness generally consumes sevral times more electricity than that of a laptop.

It also seems that students with such power-hungry set-ups also spend much more time using them, almost as if they become "captured" by their own kit.

Games consoles can also become hungry for time and power. They need a screen or TV (sometimes a very large one!) and can be used for long periods of time.

Things like kettles, hairdryers, hair-straighteners can draw a lot of power, but usually not for very long. What they consume can look tiny in comparison to your IT and entertainment gadgets.

> In fact, when considering iust the bedrooms in a hall of residence, we found that 20% of the rooms (or residents) consumed 70% of the electricity: entirely due to IT and other entertainment devices.



What do you think is your most power-hungry device? Hint: It's probably big and/or hot/cold and/or bright.

If you have a desktop computer have you adjusted the power settings so it's not as active when you don't need it? Are there times you could turn it off altogether?

Which of your flatmates is most hooked by their godgets?

Do you own or use more gadgets now than when you started at uni?

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