University of the West of England Bristol, South West UK

Technology: Solar PV

System size: 82 kWp

Annual Output: 70,000 kWh Annual CO2 savings: 39,000 kg

Following the financial success of their first system, UWE returned to Solarsense to design and install a further two solar PV arrays for their Frenchay campus.

A new 50kWp solar PV array was installed on the flat roof of their Centre for Sports and a 32kWp system fitted on the nearby Planning and Architecture building.

The client's primary objectives were to lower the universities' carbon footprint, greatly reduce the site's energy bills and improve their ranking in the 'green league' of UK universities.

The smart energy system generates 70,000 kW hours of free, clean electricity, will recover the capital investment in less than eight years and will provide income to invest in future energy-saving projects.

The installation of a display monitor in the university cafe also allows staff, visitors and students the opportunity to view a live reading of the electricity being generated; perfect synergy for a building that houses students from a range of design and architecture programmes.

