

UK Youth Environmental Policy

UK Youth is firmly committed to the principles of sustainability and recognises the importance of environmental protection and operating the Charity responsibly in fulfilment of its environmental compliance obligations in relation to the work it does. It is the Charity's policy to operate with and to maintain good relations with all relevant regulatory bodies.

It is the Charity's objective to carry out all measures reasonably practicable to meet, exceed or develop all necessary or desirable requirements, to protect the environment and to continually improve its Environmental Management System to enhance environmental performance through the implementation of the following:

- Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of the Charity's activities;
- Promote and raise awareness of good environmental management policies and practices among staff, and other stakeholders across the Charity;
- Promote a purchasing policy which favours those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment;
- Continue to reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy) and seek to enhance the contribution of energy efficient, low carbon measures, recyclable components and renewables;
- Implement sound long-term waste management strategies to reduce overall waste production and increase the recycled component of the waste stream;
- Encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport to, from and within the Charity;
- Develop and maintain the grounds and buildings of the Charity in an environmentally sensitive way, seeking to protect and enhance natural habitats and biodiversity;
- Prevent pollution in all its forms;

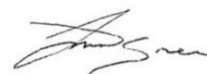
We will provide the appropriate leadership, management and resources to our environmental policy, with everyone who works or engages with the Charity playing an essential part to help achieve this policy, in particular by:

- Minimising resource use and ensuring that any unavoidable waste is correctly handled, stored and disposed of;
- Promptly reporting all accidents or incidents which could lead to pollution;
- Sharing cost-effective suggestions for pollution prevention, waste reduction or energy conservation;
- Ensuring the integration of the Environmental Management System requirements into the Charity's business processes and operations;
- Promoting continual improvement;
- Demonstrate their leadership as it applies to their areas of responsibility.

This Policy is communicated to all staff, trustees, suppliers and sub-contractors and is made available to interested parties.

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Signed:



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