



UK Youth Environmental Policy

UK Youth (the 'Organisation') recognises the importance of environmental protection and is committed to operating the Charity responsibly and in fulfilment of its compliance obligations.

The Organisation operates a Environmental Management System that has gained BS EN ISO 14001: 2015 certification, including aspects specific to the enhancement of unlocking youth work to ensure that all young people are equipped to thrive and empowered to contribute at every stage of their lives. With an open network of over 8000 youth organisations and nation partners the organisation works in partnership to build a cross-sector movement, creating a society that understands, champions, and delivers effective youth work for all.

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 the Environmental Management System to enhance environmental performance through the implementation of the following:

1. Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of the Organisation's activities
2. Training of employees in environmental issues
3. Minimise the production of waste
4. Minimise material wastage
5. Minimise energy wastage
6. Promote the use of recyclable and renewable materials
7. Prevent pollution in all its forms
8. Control noise emissions from operations
9. Minimise the risk to the general public and employees from operations and activities undertaken by the Organisation.

Senior Management demonstrates leadership and commitment with respect to the Environmental Management System by:

1. Taking accountability for the effectiveness of the Environmental Management System
2. Ensuring that the Environmental Policy and Environmental Objectives are established and are compatible with the strategic direction and the context of the Organisation
3. Ensuring the integration of the Environmental Management System requirements into the Organisation's business processes
4. Ensuring that the resources needed for the Environmental Management System are available
5. Communicating the importance of effective environmental management and of conforming to the environmental management system requirements
6. Ensuring that the Environmental Management System achieves its intended outcomes
7. Directing and supporting persons to contribute to the effectiveness of the environmental management system
8. Promoting continual improvement
9. Supporting other relevant management roles to demonstrate their leadership as it applies to their areas of responsibility.

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

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