



Community Youth Ventures Environmental Policy

Community Youth Ventures CIC is firmly committed to the principles of sustainability within our sector and all associated supply chains. We recognise the importance of how our actions effect environmental protection and we operate responsibly in fulfilment of its environmental compliance obligations in relation to the work we carried out. It is our policy to operate with and to maintain good relations with all relevant regulatory bodies. Our environmental 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 our environmental performance through the following measures:

- Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental impact of our activities;
- Promote and raise awareness of good environmental behaviours both among staff, young people and other stakeholders;
- Promote a sound purchasing process which favours those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment, including production and shipping;
- 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, including food waste;
- Encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport to, from and within our work;
- Develop and maintain grounds and buildings used in an environmentally sensitive way, seeking to protect and enhance natural habitats and biodiversity, including integrated use of composting;
- Prevent pollution in all its forms;
- Minimising resource use and ensuring that any unavoidable waste is correctly handled, stored and disposed of;
- Sharing cost-effective suggestions for pollution prevention, waste reduction or energy conservation;
- Promoting continual improvement, as well as embedding messaging within our activities.

This Policy is communicated to all staff, trustees, suppliers and sub-contractors and is made available to interested parties. We also embed these behaviours within our community and youth work.