



Environmental Sustainability Policy

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The Trustees of National Museums NI, the Chief Executive and the Senior Management Team are committed to reducing the impact of the organisation's activities on the environment. The organisation will strive to improve its environmental performance in all areas of operation, reflecting our corporate strategy outcome that our work contributes to climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation.

To demonstrate our commitment to environmental sustainability, we will:

- Meet all relevant current and foreseen statutory regulations, government policy and official codes of practice;
- Follow environmental and sustainable principles, best practice and guidance in relation to collections care and management;
- Reduce our carbon emissions through implementation of the carbon action plan;
- Ensure the efficient use of energy and water resources and reduction in waste through re-use and recycling where possible;
- Encourage all staff to be more environmentally conscious and socially responsible;
- Promote and enhance biodiversity across the National Museums NI estate, where opportunity permits;
- Seek to realise the potential of our natural sciences collections and sites as a means to address key questions around climate change and biodiversity conservation;
- Work with partners and engage with visitors to raise awareness about protection and enhancement of the environment;
- Promote sustainable modes of transport including walking, use of public transport, car-sharing and cycling;
- Ensure that sustainability is built into all new projects, venue planning and activities;
- Operate in a responsible and co-operative manner to work with local suppliers and contractors to source local products;
- Work with our onsite partners to reduce their environmental impact and encourage participation in joint initiatives to promote environmental sustainability;
- Encourage suppliers and contractors, through appropriate specifications, to develop and supply environmentally preferable goods and services.

Review: National Museums NI will review delivery of these commitments on an annual basis.

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