



# **Environmental Sustainability Policy**

**National Museums NI 2025**

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# National Museums NI

## Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

The Trustees of National Museums NI, the Chief Executive and the Senior Management Team are committed to reducing the impact of the organisations activities on the environment. The organisation will enshrine sustainable practice in all areas of our operation, reflecting our corporate strategy alignment with the Northern Ireland Programme for Government that our impact promotes environmental action and protection of our shared planet.

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 *to achieve a 50% reduction in our Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030 from our 2018/19 carbon baseline audit*;
- Ensure the efficient use of energy and water resources and reduction in waste where possible;
- Encourage our staff and volunteers to be more environmentally conscious and socially responsible;
- Promote and increase biodiversity across the National Museums NI estate;
- Seek to realise the potential of our natural sciences collections and sites to address key questions around climate change and biodiversity conservation;
- Inspire and empower future generations to advocate for the environment through sustainability-focused learning programmes and public engagement events;
- Explore options to effect sustainable behavioural change from visitors through the development and implementation of innovative pricing mechanisms;
- Work with partners and engage with visitors to raise awareness about protection and enhancement of the environment;
- Promote sustainable and active modes of transport including walking, use of public transport, car-sharing and cycling;
- Build an organisation fit for future generations by embracing information technology solutions that reduce environmental impact and promote sustainable practices;
- Ensure that sustainability is built into all new projects, venue planning and activities;
- Operate in a responsible and co-operative manner to work with suppliers and contractors to source local and ethical products where appropriate for use in our retail and catering outlets;
- 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.

- Communicate and promote our environmental programmes and performance to visitors, staff and other stakeholders.

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

Signed: 

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