

The National Piping Centre Environmental Sustainability Policy

This policy applies to: Staff, Freelancers, Students, Visitors & Audiences.

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National Piping Centre (NPC)

Environmental Sustainability Policy

1. Policy Statement

The National Piping Centre (NPC) recognises the urgent global challenge posed by climate change and the responsibility of cultural organisations to act decisively. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact, supporting Scotland's transition to Net Zero, and embedding sustainability across all areas of our work.

NPC works in partnership with Creative Carbon Scotland and the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce to assess our environmental impact, establish a robust carbon baseline, and implement meaningful actions to reduce emissions. This policy sets out our long-term commitment and the framework through which we will deliver continuous environmental improvement.

2. Our Commitment

NPC commits to:

- Achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030, in line with Scotland's pathway to Net Zero.
- Continually measuring, monitoring, and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Integrating climate consciousness into programme delivery, operations, and governance.
- Supporting sector-wide change by sharing learning and best practice.
- Ensuring environmental sustainability underpins our long-term organisational resilience.

3. Governance and Responsibility

Environmental sustainability is a shared responsibility across NPC. Oversight of this policy sits with senior management and the Board, with delivery supported by staff at all levels. Progress against our Sustainability Action Plan is reviewed regularly, with targets updated as our understanding and capabilities evolve.

4. Carbon Reduction and Net Zero

Since introducing our Net Zero by 2030 commitment, NPC has made significant progress in reducing emissions compared to pre-Covid levels. With expert support, we have developed a sustainability action plan that will deliver year-on-year reductions until Net Zero is achieved.

Key priorities include:

- Energy efficiency and responsible resource use across all premises.
- Low-carbon digital delivery and hybrid working practices.
- Ongoing carbon measurement and reporting.

Through incentives, education, and schemes such as Cycle to Work, we have reduced commuting emissions to less than 2% of our total footprint.

5. Sustainable Travel

NPC recognises that international activity presents a significant sustainability challenge. We commit to:

- Prioritising low-carbon travel options wherever feasible.
- Using virtual and hybrid delivery to reduce the need for travel.
- Ensuring business travel is undertaken using the lowest carbon method available, with flights used only where unavoidable.
- Developing international partnerships that reduce duplication and maximise shared outcomes.

6. Waste Reduction and Circular Economy

NPC is committed to minimising waste and supporting a circular economy. Our actions include:

- Reducing landfill waste and achieving a target of 90% recycled material by 2025.
- Rolling out the Reecycling initiative to significantly reduce by-product waste generated by the piping community.
- Working with suppliers to reduce packaging and material waste across the supply chain.

7. Sustainable Procurement and Supply Chain

We will work collaboratively with suppliers and partners to:

- Reduce environmental impacts across our supply chain.
- Encourage sustainable materials, products, and services.
- Embed sustainability criteria into procurement decisions.

8. Collaboration, Learning, and Advocacy

NPC will continue to collaborate with industry experts and sector partners to identify opportunities for improvement, innovation, and shared learning. We aim to provide a practical framework that supports wider cultural and creative sectors in developing more sustainable and circular practices.

9. Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy is supported by a detailed Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains ambitious, relevant, and effective. NPC is committed to transparent reporting and continuous improvement as part of our journey to an environmentally sustainable future.