

The National Piping Centre Environmental Sustainability Statement

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

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National Piping Centre (NPC)

Environmental Sustainability Statement

The National Piping Centre (NPC) believes that our only viable future is an environmentally sustainable one. As an organisation that champions piping and traditional music in Scotland and internationally, we are committed to delivering our work in a way that responds meaningfully to the climate emergency.

We work in partnership with Creative Carbon Scotland and the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce to understand our environmental impact, establish a carbon baseline, and take practical steps to reduce emissions. Our Environmental Sustainability Action Plan sets out a clear pathway to achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030, in line with Scotland's national targets.

Since adopting our Net Zero commitment, we have made significant progress, achieving substantial reductions in our carbon footprint compared to pre-Covid levels. Initiatives such as staff travel incentives, education programmes, and the Cycle to Work scheme have reduced commuting emissions to less than 2% of our overall footprint.

From 2025–2028, NPC will focus on:

- **Working with suppliers and partners to reduce waste and emissions across our supply chain.**
- **Prioritising low-carbon travel and digital delivery, with flights used only where unavoidable.**
- **Reducing landfill waste and achieving a minimum of 90% recycled materials.**
- **Delivering the Reedcycling initiative to reduce waste and support a circular economy within the piping community.**
- **Collaborating with industry experts to strengthen our sustainability practice and share learning.**

We acknowledge the challenge of sustainable international travel and are addressing this through international partnerships, online content delivery, and lower-carbon travel solutions wherever possible.

NPC is committed to making meaningful, measurable progress towards environmental sustainability and to playing our part in Scotland's transition to Net Zero, ensuring our organisation, our sector, and our cultural heritage can thrive for generations to come.