

National Print Museum Environmental Sustainability Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

The National Print Museum is committed to becoming a more sustainable organisation and striving to improve environmental performance and reduce our carbon footprint, with climate action being one of the policy priorities underpinning the Museum's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.

The Museum's collection is an inherently sustainable one, as we preserve machinery and equipment related to letterpress printing, therefore preventing its degradation and waste. Furthermore, the preservation of the collection and craft creates a resource for future generations to enjoy.

The aim of this policy is to outline the National Print Museum's commitment to environmental sustainability, and to ensure that all staff understand and actively promote the commitments herein.

COMMITMENTS

Our Environmental Sustainability Policy underpins the way we work with suppliers. We endeavour to source local and recycled materials for Museum workshops, office supplies, shop stock, and other equipment whenever possible.

We promote recycling, re-use and responsible disposal in an aim to minimise waste and reduce its effects on the environment. We discourage the use of single-use plastics, and provide reusable cups and water bottles to staff.

We encourage the use of public transport to and from the Museum, both amongst our staff and visitors. We promote sustainable options of travel for staff through our Cycle to Work scheme and provide the option of work from home days for staff to reduce commuting needs and carbon footprint.

We regularly assess our print and digital footprints and make practical adjustments to minimise both, favouring paperless systems. We endeavour to limit our energy and water use whenever possible.

We will assess and endeavour to minimise the environmental impact of all exhibitions and other developments. We will ensure that any new capital projects will comply with current

sustainability criteria, both in the use of materials and in achieving low energy and low carbon footprint solutions.

We comply with all current environmental legislation and continually strive to make improvements wherever we can.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The CEO and Board of Directors are responsible for how the Museum effectively manages environmental issues.

All staff are responsible for:

- Making themselves familiar with and adhering to the Environmental Sustainability Policy.
- Prioritising environmental issues and minimising impact in the planning process of all activities and projects.
- Making suggestions to the CEO and Board of Directors regarding possible improvements to the Museum's sustainability practices.
- Taking part in any appropriate training as recommended by the CEO.

UPDATES

The National Print Museum is further developing this policy, along with a detailed environmental action plan, as part of the 2024-2025 I-STARS (Island Sustainable Tourism Action through Resilient SMEs) programme.

The National Print Museum Board and staff will review and update this policy annually in line with best practices and recommendations.