

Environmental Policy

Policy statement

ETNA Community Centre is committed to the importance of respecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. We recognise that we have a duty to prepare our visitors, and staff with the knowledge and skills to look after our planet, manage the world's resources wisely and make a positive contribution by improving our local area. We therefore aim to develop good habits and behaviour patterns amongst our stakeholders.

Impacts

We recognise that the current main environmental impacts, in decreasing levels of impact, are:

- Energy consumption;
- Waste generation;
- Water consumption; and
- Sustainable procurement.

Objectives

- Enhance energy-efficient envelopes ensuring all light bulbs are LED and increase loft and flat roof insulation;
- Introduce renewable technologies (including solar panels and air sources heat pumps);
- Purchase an additional hot composter to decrease transport of food waste to be composted by a supplier;
- Start measuring waste going to composting;
- Purchase a water butt to collect rainwater for garden irrigation as opposed to mains water use; and
- Ensure ethical products and services are purchased by adopting a Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Summary of Aims

Focus area	Aim/target	Metric
Energy	Implement energy efficiency measures by 2025. Install solar panels by 2026. Investigate and implement a heating system utilising renewable energy by 2030.	kWh
Waste	Increase composting rates by 20% by 2025 by purchasing an additional hot composter.	Kg or tonnes
Water	Purchase a water butt and decrease water consumption by 10% as a result by 2027.	Litres or m ³
Procurement	Develop and implement a Sustainable Procurement Plan by 2025.	Policy
Carbon Emissions	Achieve net zero across scopes 1 and 2 by 2030.	Tonnes CO ₂ e

Commitments

To deliver this Environmental Policy, ETNA Community Centre makes the following commitments:

- The ETNA staff team (Office Manager, Centre Director, Facilities Coordinator) will recognise the signs of energy wastage and take steps to rectify them.
- The designated trustee Phil Langton and ETNA Centre Director will recommend actions that could be taken to meet the policy's aims and where possible help to implement the action plan.

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