



## **Environment Policy**

### **Purpose**

GCG recognises that our activities, and those of our users, may impact the environment. We will comply with all environmental laws and regulatory requirements and seek to promote sound environmental practice in our activities. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the decisions and actions of the trustees (Board), extending to all users, volunteers and contractors. In so far as our Terms and Conditions of Hire afford, it extends to all hirers and users of the centre.

### **Noise Pollution**

We recognise that the centre is in a residential area and want to be considerate to our neighbours. We will inform all users that it is incumbent on them to ensure noise is kept to a reasonable level including when leaving the premises and especially in the evening.

### **Purchasing**

We are committed to incorporating environmental factors in our decision making and purchasing selections, favouring more environmentally friendly and efficient choices wherever possible/ affordable.

In practice we will:

- Use cleaning materials that are as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Seek to buy recycled and recyclable products where possible.
- When replacing/renewing any part of the building or its contents (e.g. electrical appliances), to seek ways to reduce environmental impact and improve energy efficiency.
- Use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and support local trade.



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## **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

We are committed to conserving resources and minimising the amount of waste we produce by reducing our usage, reusing materials and recycling waste wherever possible and practical. We will encourage users of GCG to do the same.

In practice we will:

- Use electronic means of communication (rather than paper) wherever possible.
- Switch off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.
- Ensure all taps are turned off and not dripping.
- Adjust heating with energy consumption in mind.
- Provide recycling bins and ask hirers to separate recycling from other waste.

## **Communicating, Monitoring and Review**

- We will draw users' attention to our environmental policy and the practical measures required of them via our Terms and Conditions of centre hire.
- We will continually monitor and seek ways to reduce our environmental impact.
- We will review this policy annually.