

Environmental Policy

Twyn Community Hub

TWYN COMMUNITY HUB acknowledges the connection between our climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and potential future homelessness, disease, destruction of biodiversity, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world and its responsibility to reduce its own carbon and environmental footprints.

Mission Statement

TWYN COMMUNITY HUB management committee recognises that it has a responsibility to the Community, the Centre and its environment beyond normal legal and regulatory requirements. We are therefore committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our operating methods wherever possible. The below sets out what we endeavour to do at Twyn Community Hub.



General Policy Aims

- Comply with all relevant regulatory environmental requirements.
- Look to improve and reduce our environmental impact.
- Minimise the amount of waste we generate and try to promote re-use, recycling and composting wherever possible
- Use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and help the community.
- Improve and increase volunteer and/or employee awareness in terms of the local environment.
- Engage with the community to increase environmental awareness and support community action

Energy and Water	Progress	Action Plan 2020-2021
Reduce the amount of energy used by switching off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.	All electrical equipment is switched off when not in use.	Light energy audit
Adjust the heating with energy consumption in mind.	The building is insulated with all windows double glazed Lights are switched off in rooms not being used All lights are switched off during building closure The central heating is switched off when a room or the building is not in use All premises radiators have thermostats	Explore low carbon and energy efficient sources of heating to further reduce energy use

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Check for and rectify any dripping taps or pipes.	Ongoing maintenance	Continue ongoing maintenance
Install rain collection systems for watering the garden	No progress	Explore how this can be progressed
Evaluate the energy consumption and efficiency of new equipment when purchasing.	New washing machine and dryer have a "A" rating	Continue
Paper and office supplies	Progress	Action Plan 2020-2021
Minimise the use of paper in the office and reuse and recycle all paper where possible.	Reduction in photocopying Majority of communication is through email Increase use of social media to communicate with the local community- new members are asked how they prefer to communicate to reduce paper use for leaflets The majority of organisational files are shared on I cloud to reduce copying Excess paper is recycled to use for activities e.g messy play at the Toddlers group	Continue exploring methods to re-use and recycle paper Reduce photocopying further
Reduce packaging as much as possible.	Recycling of packaging – e.g Cardboard is recycled to use for community arts and crafts projects.	Ask regular suppliers to minimise packaging
Transportation	Progress	Action Plan 2020-2021
Reduce the need to travel by car restricting to necessity trips only and encourage users to walk, cycle or to share lifts wherever possible.	Most centre users walk to the centre as car parking space is minimal. Staff also walk to work and use public transport as far as possible when travelling for TWYN COMMUNITY HUB work	Encourage cycling and car sharing

Cleaning and maintenance	Progress	Action 2020-2021
Cleaning materials will be as environmentally friendly as possible.	No progress to date	Explore environmentally friendly products that meet required Health and Safety standards
Materials and contractors used in maintenance and refurbishment will be sourced locally	We use local contractors based in Merthyr and South Wales as far as possible.	Continue
We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.	We use Biffa, who also support local community activity	Continue
Community engagement	Progress	Action 2020-2021
Increase community awareness and encourage action on environmental issues	Occasional community litter picks, gardening projects, recycling projects.	Explore funding and resources to increase community awareness and action on environmental issues Regular community litter picks Support and facilitate projects and activities that community members want to lead on.

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