



## **Action Community Enterprises CIC (ACE)**

# **Sustainability Policy**



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## **Sustainability Policy**

### **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out ACE's aims for aiding sustainable development. ACE is committed to implementing actions to deliver the aims set out below. These actions will promote and embed sustainable development in all aspects of our activities.

ACE aims to to strengthen local economic well-being by equipping students with the right skills and values to help build strong communities while respecting people and protecting the environment.

ACE is committed to the principles of sustainability and minimising the adverse impact of its activities on the environment. This sustainability policy has been produced to endorse this commitment and to inform staff and students of required environmental practice and to promote this commitment to sustainability to all stakeholders.

ACE recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment and that it can contribute towards the conservation and protection of the environment. As a consequence, ACE is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the minimisation of waste and pollution. Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

### **Scope**

The scope of this policy will cover all of ACE's policies, procedures and processes.

### **Key Aims**

- To promote and support sustainable development principles in all aspects of the individual leaders' roles across the organisation.
- To embed Sustainable Development into all curriculum disciplines
- To incorporate sustainable development as a key theme of CPD for all staff.
- To establish a procurement policy to minimise the social, economic and environmental impact of our procurement choices and maximise the use of Centre's resources.
- To embed sustainability into the strategic planning process and closely monitor progress.
- Community: to develop and maintain appropriate local and regional partnerships to maximise benefits to the communities we serve.

## Buildings and Estate

- Ensure that ACE's business is conducted in a manner that improves energy efficiency and seeks to eliminate waste.
- Embed the principles of sustainability in the design of new buildings and building systems.
- Ensure that the management of existing buildings minimizes the environmental impact of the energy consumed.
- Promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport by encouraging staff and students to use public transport, car share and cycling to attend the Centre.

## Objectives

This policy will be implemented in accordance with all existing and emerging legislation. ACE's Sustainability Policy shows a commitment to the principles of sustainability; minimising the adverse impact of its activities on the environment whilst supporting the economic and social developments of our community.