



Action Community Enterprises CIC (ACE)

Environmental Policy Statement



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Introduction and aim

ACE is an alternative education provider, operating from a site on Rackheath Industrial Estate, Norwich and a site in Gt Yarmouth. We are committed to protecting the environment and it is our aim to comply with legislation and other requirements, continue to reduce the environmental impacts of our business and operate in an environmentally responsible manner. This policy describes how we will achieve our aim.

Responsibility

This environmental policy applies to all elements of our business including teaching and learning, management, office services, site operations, and procurement. Lou Gardiner, CEO, has overall responsibility for ensuring that sufficient resources are made available to enable the business to achieve our environmental objectives and targets and that the policy is implemented. Cindy Wager, Head of Finance, has the day-to-day responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of this policy are being followed and for monitoring the effectiveness of the objectives. However, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

Objectives

During the academic year 2024/25, we aim to continue to:

- make efficient use of natural resources by conserving energy and water, minimising waste and recycling where possible
- meet our duty of care requirements in relation to waste by ensuring the safe keeping, transportation and subsequent recovery or disposal of waste
- use recycled construction materials whenever these can be commercially justified
- keep the use of transport to a minimum and regularly service vehicles to maintain their efficiency
- work with suppliers to ensure they recognise and reduce the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- include environmental considerations in investment decisions for new equipment or working practices
- inform and train all employees of the company's environmental objectives and how they can assist in meeting targets
- use the most environmentally friendly cleaning products whenever possible.

Targets

To achieve our aims, we have set ourselves the following targets:

- reduce vehicle emissions to air by planning student transport to reduce mileage and servicing vehicles regularly
- reduce the generation of general and hazardous wastes by planning lessons with environmental conservation in mind to ensure the usage of resources is minimised
- recycle as much paper, cardboard, plastic and metal waste generated as possible.