



## **The Escape Youth Club – Policy Document**

### **Environmental Sustainability**

The Escape Youth Club recognises the importance of environmental protection and is committed to operating responsibly and in compliance with all environmental regulations, legislation and approved codes of practice. It is the club's objective to operate with, and to maintain good relations with all regulatory bodies.

It is the club's declared policy to carry out all measures reasonably practicable to meet, exceed or develop all necessary or desirable requirements and to continually improve environmental performance through the implementation of the following:

1. Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of the club's activities
2. Training of Trustee's, volunteers and members in environmental issues
3. Minimise the production of waste
4. Minimise material wastage
5. Minimise energy wastage
6. Promote the use of recyclable and renewable materials
7. Reduce and/or limit the production of pollutants to water, land and air
8. Control noise emissions from operations
9. Minimise the risk to the general public and employees from operations and activities undertaken by the Organisation.

This policy is communicated to all Trustees, Volunteers and Members and is made available to the public.



The Escape Youth Club only uses reputable suppliers who conform to current good practice and that have a sound policy on the environment, and, wherever possible are ISO 14001, FSC and 9001 accredited.

Our specific policies include:

- Responsible waste management, adhering to British legislation, using an ISO 14001 accredited company.
- Recycling of all clean waste paper and cardboard, using a local authority approved contractor.
- Recycling of waste from the Tuck shop and any activities
- Wherever possible, the use of environmentally friendly domestic cleaners and recycled paper products.
- Encouraging Trustees, Volunteers and Members to conserve energy and reduce waste wherever possible.

The Escape Youth Club encourages the following through our member's as tackling climate change will be one of the most important things this generation does – and we are a part of it. Everyone needs to get involved.

Buying food - Producing, transporting and consuming food is responsible for nearly a third of our contribution to climate change. For example, it's not just the energy used to grow things in a heated greenhouse you have to think about. It may be the aircraft fuel that's used to transport them into the country as well.

Fairtrade products - You can buy fairly traded products in shops and cafes – look out for the Fairtrade Mark. This means that the producers of the product are getting decent wages and a fair price for their goods. The goods are also likely to have been produced with less impact on the environment.

At home - recycling and saving energy - There's a whole range of simple things you can do at home to save energy - like turning off the lights if you're the last to leave a room. Nearly two thirds of all household rubbish can be recycled - and this includes food packaging, glass and plastics.

TVs and electrical goods - Televisions and other electronic equipment - like games consoles - waste electricity if they are not properly switched off, and it's easy to do once you get into the habit. By just putting your TV on standby, it will continue to use electricity. It is generally better to just switch it off completely.

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We do not deviate from our environmental responsibility and apply the high standards we set across all products/ activities to our members.