

Na Píobairí Uilleann

Climate Action Policy



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Introduction

Na Píobairí Uilleann (NPU) recognises its responsibility to contribute to global efforts in combating climate change. Our commitment to preserving and promoting the playing and making of uilleann pipes and traditional music in general goes hand in hand with our dedication to protecting the environment for future generations. This Climate Action Policy outlines our principles and commitments to sustainability across all areas of our operations.

Organizational Commitment

NPU is committed to minimizing its environmental impact and promoting sustainability within the organization and the broader community. As a vibrant arts organisation with a busy annual programme of events, we recognize the importance of embedding sustainable practices in everything we do—from daily operations to the organisation of events.

Guiding Principles

1. **Environmental Responsibility:** We acknowledge our duty to operate in an environmentally responsible manner. This includes reducing our carbon footprint, minimising waste, and promoting sustainable resource use.
2. **Continuous Improvement:** NPU is committed to continuously improving its environmental performance. We have established a Climate Action Roadmap that guides our efforts to achieve measurable progress over time.
3. **Education and Engagement:** We believe in leading by example. Through our actions, we aim to inspire our employees, contractors, and the wider community to adopt sustainable practices.
4. **Compliance and Best Practices:** NPU adheres to the environmental guidelines set forth by the Arts Council and other relevant bodies. We strive to meet or exceed all regulatory requirements and industry best practices in our operations.

Operational Commitments

1. **Sustainable Events:** NPU regularly hosts events at our premises where refreshments are provided. We are committed to minimizing the environmental impact of these events by reducing waste, sourcing local and sustainable products, and encouraging the use of reusable materials.

2. **Energy Efficiency:** We actively seek to reduce energy consumption in our office buildings through efficient practices and, where possible, by exploring renewable energy options.
3. **Sustainable Transportation:** NPU promotes sustainable transportation options for employees and contractors: encouraging staff to travel together to events when practical and offering a "Bike to Work" scheme, to reduce the carbon footprint associated with commuting.
4. **Waste Management:** We have implemented comprehensive waste reduction strategies, including recycling programs and the elimination of single-use plastics, to minimize the amount of waste sent to landfills.

Employee and Contractor Engagement

NPU is committed to fostering a culture of sustainability within the organisation. All employees and contractors are encouraged to participate in our sustainability initiatives and are provided with the necessary resources and training to do so. We recognise that achieving our climate action goals requires the collective effort of our entire team.

Review and Accountability

NPU's Climate Action Policy is a living document, subject to regular review and updates to reflect new challenges, opportunities, and best practices. We are committed to transparency in our environmental actions and will regularly report on our progress against our Climate Action Roadmap.

Conclusion

Na Píobairí Uilleann is dedicated to integrating sustainability into all aspects of its work. By adhering to this Climate Action Policy, we aim to fulfill our environmental responsibilities while continuing to promote, develop and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Ireland.