

Na Píobairí Uilleann

Climate action plan



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Introduction

Na Píobairí Uilleann (NPU) is committed to playing its part in addressing the challenges of climate change. As an organisation committed to promoting the playing and making of uilleann pipes and traditional music in general, we understand the importance of integrating sustainability into our daily operations and long-term planning. This Climate Action Plan outlines the steps we take to reduce our environmental impact and ensure that our activities align with the Arts Council's environmental guidelines.

1. Commitment to Sustainability

Na Píobairí Uilleann is dedicated to embedding sustainable practices across all areas of our work. From reducing our carbon footprint to minimising waste, we aim to operate in a way that is environmentally responsible and reflective of our values.

2. Focus Areas

- **Energy Efficiency**
- **Sustainable Transportation**
- **Waste Reduction**
- **Eco-friendly Events**
- **Employee Engagement**

3. Roadmap for Achievable Targets

Year 1 (2024-2025): Laying the Groundwork

Energy Efficiency

- Conduct an energy audit to identify opportunities for reducing energy use in our office buildings.
- Switch to LED lighting throughout our facilities.
- Implement power-saving measures on all office equipment.

Sustainable Transportation

- Encourage staff to travel together to events
- Offer a "Bike to Work" scheme to encourage cycling among staff.

Waste Reduction

- Establish a comprehensive recycling program in the office, ensuring the proper separation of materials.
- Eliminate single-use plastics at events by providing reusable cups, utensils, and plates.

Eco-friendly Events

- Develop guidelines for hosting sustainable events, including sourcing local refreshments and reducing paper use.

Employee Engagement

- Provide training on sustainability practices to all staff members.
- Form a "Green Team" to lead initiatives and monitor progress on our environmental goals.

Year 2 (2025-2026): Implementation and Monitoring

Energy Efficiency

- Begin implementing energy-saving measures identified in the audit.
- Explore options for renewable energy sources, such as installing solar panels.

Sustainable Transportation

- Review the success of the "Bike to Work" scheme and consider expanding it to include options for electric bikes.

Waste Reduction

- Refine the recycling program based on staff feedback and usage patterns.
- Move towards digital event materials to reduce paper waste.

Eco-friendly Events

- Strengthen relationships with local suppliers who prioritise sustainability.
- Conduct post-event reviews to assess the environmental impact and identify areas for improvement.

Employee Engagement

- Continue hosting workshops and discussions on sustainability.

- Encourage participation in local environmental initiatives, such as community clean-ups with particular focus on the organisation's location on Henrietta Street, Dublin 1.

Year 3 (2026-2027): Review and Future Planning

Energy Efficiency

- Complete the implementation of energy-saving measures and assess their impact.
- If viable, install renewable energy systems and continue exploring ways to further reduce emissions.

Sustainable Transportation

- Evaluate the effectiveness of transportation initiatives and explore new options, such as subsidies for electric vehicles.
- Continue to promote cycling and public transport among staff.

Waste Reduction

- Aim for zero waste at all events by 2027.
- Partner with local environmental organisations for larger-scale waste management projects.

Eco-friendly Events

- Establish a certification process for ensuring all NPU events meet high environmental standards.
- Share our sustainability practices with other arts organisations to encourage wider adoption.

Employee Engagement

- Review the impact of our sustainability initiatives and introduce new programs as needed.
- Foster a culture of sustainability within the organisation and celebrate milestones in our climate action journey.

4. Aligning with Arts Council Guidelines

Na Píobairí Uilleann is committed to following the environmental guidelines set by the Arts Council. We will regularly review and update our Climate Action Plan to ensure it remains relevant and effective, with the aim of meeting and exceeding the standards expected of us.

5. Conclusion

This Climate Action Plan represents our commitment to operating in an environmentally sustainable manner. By setting clear goals and continuously improving our practices, Na Píobairí Uilleann aims to reduce its environmental impact and contribute to a more sustainable future for the arts and beyond.