

Na Píobairí Uilleann

Climate action Plan



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Climate Action Roadmap

This Climate Action Roadmap sets out the practical actions through which Na Píobairí Uilleann delivers on its Climate Action Policy. It covers a three-year period from 2024 to 2027 and is reviewed and updated annually.

The roadmap below records the status of all actions. Year 1 and Year 2 actions are marked with their completion status; Year 3 actions represent current commitments.

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
- Supply Chain and Pipemaking Materials
- International Travel
- Publications and Digital Communications
- Employee Engagement

3. Roadmap for Achievable Targets

Year	Focus Area	Action	Status
Year 1	2024–2025: Laying the Groundwork		
	Energy Efficiency	Conduct an energy audit to identify opportunities for reducing energy use.	Carried Forward
	Energy Efficiency	Switch to LED lighting throughout all facilities.	Complete
	Energy Efficiency	Implement power-saving measures on all office equipment.	Complete
	Transport	Encourage staff to travel together to events.	Ongoing
	Transport	Offer a Bike to Work scheme to all staff.	Complete

	Waste	Establish a comprehensive recycling programme in the office.	Complete
	Waste	Eliminate single-use plastics at events by providing reusable alternatives.	Complete
	Events	Develop guidelines for hosting sustainable events, including sourcing local refreshments and reducing paper use.	Complete
	Engagement	Provide training on sustainability practices to all staff members.	Complete
	Engagement	Form a Green Team to lead initiatives and monitor progress.	Not Started
Year 2	2025–2026: Implementation and Monitoring		
	Energy Efficiency	Begin implementing energy-saving measures identified in the audit. (Carried forward — audit still to be completed.)	Carried Forward
	Energy Efficiency	Explore options for renewable energy sources such as solar panels.	In Progress
	Transport	Review the success of the Bike to Work scheme and consider expanding to include electric bikes.	Complete
	Waste	Refine the recycling programme based on staff feedback and usage patterns.	Complete
	Waste	Move towards digital event materials to reduce paper waste.	Complete
	Events	Strengthen relationships with local suppliers who prioritise sustainability.	In Progress
	Events	Conduct post-event reviews	In

		to assess environmental impact.	Progress
	Events	Continue working towards zero waste at NPU events.	In Progress
	Engagement	Continue hosting workshops and discussions on sustainability.	Ongoing
	Engagement	Encourage participation in local environmental initiatives, including on Henrietta Street.	Ongoing
	Supply Chain	Identify sustainable and certified timber sources for pipemaking materials.	In Progress
	Publications	Encourage members to opt for digital delivery of An Piobaire and other publications.	In Progress
Year 3	2026–2027: Review, Consolidation and Future Planning		
	Energy Efficiency	Complete energy audit (carried forward from Year 1) and implement findings.	In Progress
	Energy Efficiency	Sound of Ireland Experience: achieve minimum B2 BER energy rating for the new venue on opening.	In Progress
	Energy Efficiency	Specify energy-efficient lighting, heating and fit-out materials for the new venue.	In Progress
	Energy Efficiency	Continue exploring renewable energy options for Henrietta Street premises.	In Progress
	Transport	Evaluate effectiveness of transportation initiatives and explore electric vehicle options for staff.	Not Started
	Transport	Continue to promote cycling and public transport to staff	Ongoing

		and visitors.	
	Waste	Achieve zero waste at all NPU events by December 2027.	In Progress
	Waste	Achieve 100% recycling compliance across all office waste streams by December 2026.	In Progress
	Waste	Responsible disposal of electronic equipment through certified WEEE recyclers.	Ongoing
	Events	Establish a certification process for ensuring NPU events meet high environmental standards.	Not Started
	Events	Share sustainability practices with other arts organisations to encourage wider adoption.	Not Started
	International Travel	Implement a carbon offset contribution for all NPU-funded international air travel from January 2027.	Not Started
	International Travel	Reduce unnecessary international travel through use of video conferencing.	Ongoing
	Supply Chain	Source sustainably certified timber for all new pipemaking material purchases where available.	In Progress
	Supply Chain	Share information with pipemakers and students on sustainable sourcing options.	Not Started
	Engagement	Establish baseline carbon footprint estimate for NPU operations.	Not Started
	Engagement	Review impact of all sustainability initiatives and introduce new programmes as needed.	Not Started
	Engagement	Foster a culture of sustainability and celebrate	Ongoing

		milestones in the climate action journey.	
	Engagement	Form a Green Team (carried forward) or assign a Climate Action lead.	Not Started
	Policy	Review and update Climate Action Policy and Roadmap annually — due July 2027.	In Progress
	Arts Council	Continue to align with Arts Council environmental guidelines and report on progress.	Ongoing

Status Key:

● **Complete** ● **In Progress** ● **Carried Forward** ● **Not Started** ● **Ongoing**