



Environmental Policy

Introduction

This policy details the commitment of 2nd Chance Project to energy savings and a sustainable environment.

Scope

It is the intention that this policy should be made known to all staff. Where possible all staff should endeavour to apply its aims to all aspects of the organisation's operation and its delivery of the curriculum and associated services. Environmental issues impact on all activities of the organisation, and in particular on: space utilisation; maintenance; energy management; use and recycling of paper and materials; health & safety; waste management; purchasing strategies and contractual arrangements; curriculum delivery; relationships and partnerships with others in the local community; and use of transport. Where there are specific guidelines for any of these areas they are attached as appendices.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of 2nd Chance Project to work towards a sustainable environment. In doing this the organisation will aspire to model awareness and understanding of local, national and global environmental issues and, through its own practices, strive to conserve, sustain and improve the environment.

2nd Chance Project will achieve this by:

- Setting targets for improvements in energy savings and classroom utilisation to minimise its use of energy and scarce resources through good practice, prudent maintenance and use of energy efficient resources.
- Removing material from the waste cycle, which can viably be recycled and make use of re-cycled materials where practicable.
- Using materials and equipment, which minimise harm to the environment, and avoiding use of non-renewable resources where feasible.
- Continually improving and maintaining the environment both within the office and, where appropriate, externally.
- Minimising pollution by ensuring all 2nd Chance vehicles are regularly serviced and maintained and that their emissions are checked.



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- Reducing the use of paper by double-sided copying and use of electronic mail and other technology as far as practicable.
- Including environmental and energy management issues in staff induction and development and ensuring that all staff are aware of the need to endeavour to apply in practice the aims of the environmental policy, particularly related to energy savings.
- Committing funds to, and re-investing any savings in, environmental improvements within 2nd Chance Project budgetary constraints.
- Ensuring all contractors and suppliers to 2nd Chance Project have similar environmental aims and commitment.
- Including environmental issues in curriculum delivery where appropriate.
- Linking with other organisations in the local community in dialogue and partnership to encourage and contribute to good environmental practice.
- Ensuring compliance with any legal requirements concerning the environment, and working towards meeting government initiatives for a sustainable environment.
- Encourage the users accessing 2nd Chance Project courses and programmes to seek environmentally acceptable economies in use of transport, i.e. share of lifts, park and ride, public transport.