



GATESIDE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED CHARITY: SC038682

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

Gateside Community Hall is committed where reasonably practicable, to providing a quality service that ensures a safe and healthy setting for all members, volunteers, workers, paid or unpaid and minimises any potential impact on the natural environment. We will operate in compliance with relevant environmental legislation and best practice; we will strive to prevent additional pollution in all we do.

We will:-

- promote awareness of environmental issues to all members, volunteers, paid and unpaid workers at Gateside Community hall and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner;
- train, educate and inform all volunteers, paid and unpaid workers about environmental issues that may affect their duties;
- reflect all concerns of environmental impacts into our decision making and activities;
- reduce waste through recycling and re-using and by purchasing recycled or re-furnished suitable equipment and materials where these are available and can be proved more economical;
- use materials and resources efficiently including water, utilities, etc;
- avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of;
- where potential environmental hazards exist, develop appropriate emergency response procedures (e.g. spills);
- promote our commitment to environmental impact to users of the project and the general public;
- be committed to continually improve and review our environmental routine and reduce any impact and damage by our current and any future activities.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLICY

- Comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations and voluntary commitments appropriate to our project and service provision
- Eliminate, or reduce to the maximum practical extent, the release of contaminants into the environment, first through pollution prevention (material substitution and source reduction), then recycling, and finally through control technologies
- Effectively communicate with all volunteers, paid and unpaid workers and all stakeholders regarding environmental management standards performance
- Review and demonstrate continuous improvement in our environmental performance, including areas not subject to regulations on at least an annual basis.

Signed: Kathryn Wright

Position: Chairperson Gateside and District Community Association

Date: 21st January 2020

Last Review Date: 7th March 2023

Next Review Date: March 2024