



Environment Policy

Introduction

Exeter Street Hall, located in the heart of a residential community in Brighton, is committed to reducing its environmental impact and supporting sustainability. As a community space, we aim to lead by example in promoting eco-friendly practices, reducing waste, and conserving resources. Our goal is to create a welcoming and sustainable environment for all who use the Hall while minimising our ecological footprint.

Implementation

1. Energy Efficiency and Conservation

We are dedicated to reducing energy consumption by:

- Insulating the Hall, wherever practicable, to a high standard
- Installing and maintaining energy-efficient lighting, such as LED bulbs, throughout the Hall.
- Utilising natural daylight where possible to reduce the need for artificial lighting.
- Regularly servicing and maintaining heating, ventilation, and electrical systems to ensure they are running efficiently.
- Implementing a smart thermostat system to optimize energy use for heating and cooling, ensuring the building is only heated when in use.
- Encouraging users of the Hall to turn off lights, appliances, and equipment when not in use.

2. Waste Reduction and Recycling

We will strive to reduce waste by:

- Providing clearly labeled recycling bins for paper, glass, plastic, and metal.
- Encouraging event organizers and Hall users to minimise the use of single-use plastics, opting for reusable or compostable alternatives where possible.
- Promoting the use of digital communication and paperless methods for booking, advertising and Hall management.
- Reducing food waste by promoting “zero-waste” principles and supporting local food donation schemes.

3. Water Conservation

To conserve water, we will:

- Install water-saving devices, such as low-flow taps and dual-flush toilets, to reduce water usage.
- Regularly monitor for leaks and ensure any plumbing issues are promptly addressed.

4. Sustainable Procurement

We aim to support environmentally responsible suppliers by:

- Prioritising the purchase of sustainable, eco-friendly products for cleaning, maintenance, and general Hall supplies.
- Sourcing local and ethically produced goods whenever possible to reduce transportation emissions and support local businesses.
- Promoting the use of sustainable materials in any building renovations or enhancements.

5. Sustainable Travel

To reduce the environmental impact of travel to and from the Hall, we encourage:

- The use of public transportation, cycling, or walking by providing information on local bus routes and secure bike parking facilities.
- Car-sharing initiatives for events and gatherings to reduce the number of vehicles arriving at the Hall.

6. Community Engagement and Education

We believe in the power of collective action and will:

- Engage with the local community and Hall users to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote sustainable living.
- Host or support workshops, events, and campaigns that focus on environmental education, climate change, and practical ways to reduce individual and collective environmental impact.
- Encourage feedback from the community to continuously improve our environmental practices.

7. Biodiversity and Outdoor Spaces

We will promote local biodiversity by:

- Supporting and participating in local greening projects, such as tree planting and maintaining green spaces near the Hall.
- Encouraging the use of the Hall's outdoor spaces in ways that promote sustainable gardening practices, including the use of native plants and pollinator-friendly species.

8. Compliance and Monitoring

We commit to:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.

- Reviewing and updating this Environment Policy regularly to reflect new opportunities for environmental improvement.
- Monitoring our energy, water, and waste management practices to track progress and make improvements where necessary.

Conclusion

Exeter Street Hall recognizes its responsibility to the environment and the local community. We are committed to fostering a culture of sustainability and working with all Hall users to ensure a cleaner, greener future for our neighbourhood and beyond.

Approved by:

Exeter Street Hall Management Committee