

**Yorkshire Sport Foundation**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABLE POLICY**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Yorkshire Sport Foundation recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are mindful of how our organisation can affect the environment and are committed to minimise our negative impact

In our role as an Active Partnership, we aim to promote and develop physical activity and sport through our work with partners in ways that support the wider sustainability agenda.

Yorkshire Sport Foundation has three roles in its environmental and sustainability work.

1. To run our organisation in an environmentally sustainable way
2. To integrate a sustainable approach into our projects, events and commissioned activities
3. To advocate with partners the value of physical activity and sport in creating a more sustainable world

**ROLE OF SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM AND BOARD**

This policy is endorsed by our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Board of Trustees. The internal environmental group will review and develop opportunities for improvement annually. Any changes are to be agreed and signed off by SLT and the Board of Trustees.  Progress will be discussed at Board meetings and included in Board reports.

**ROLE OF EMPLOYEES**

All employees have a responsibility to ensure their actions and behaviours contribute to supporting the organisation in meeting its environmental responsibility. All team members are encouraged and given a platform to contribute towards our organisational environmental aims and supported to achieve their personal goals.

**POLICY ACTIONS**

To ensure this policy is effectively implemented we will:

* Develop, monitor and review an annual environmental action plan, ensuring that we observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard
* Be proactive in minimising our production of waste and reusing or recycling materials
* Ensure that serious consideration is given to purchasing environmentally sustainable products and services, using suppliers that have environmental standards compatible with our own
* Commit to continually learn and develop in line with environmental research and good practice
* Develop and maintain a sustainable transport policy for our staff, seeking to reduce unnecessary travel and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible. We will monitor progress annually.
* Regularly review our existing policies and ensure future policies are as environmentally friendly as possible
* Ensure environmental statements are included in all funding agreements when we commission work
* Continually highlight across our networks the important role physical activity plays in addressing climate change.

**REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed, added to or modified as required from time to time but at least every two years.