

# Our sustainability policy

## 1. Policy Statement

Maindee Unlimited is working to transform Maindee into a sustainable community with a strong local identity, strong local economy and a reputation as an attractive, safe, culturally vibrant and cohesive place to live, relax in and work.

We are committed to reflecting this vision of sustainability in the way we organise and run our charity and in the way we provide services.

## 2. Implementation

**PARTICIPATION:** We will encourage and support everyone who lives or works locally to voluntarily support the transformation of Maindee into a sustainable community within their available resources of time and effort.

**EDUCATION:** We will educate and inform our members, employees, volunteers, customers, suppliers and the wider community about sustainable practice.

**ACTION:** We will adopt the targets set out in this policy and develop operational processes and procurement practices that support the achievement of these targets.

**REVIEW:** We will set sustainability targets, collect relevant data to monitor and review progress and report on this to annual general meetings.

## 3. Aims

We will:

- Actively recruit, train and support local volunteers to help build and run our programme and meet their personal development needs .
- Use a wide range of media and communication systems, creative arts projects, and language that is sensitive to peoples' needs to support and enable all local people to know what is going on, express their views and have their say in decision making processes.
- ensure that the governance of our charity and its programme is locally controlled by a core of trustees who live or work in Maindee

- Always be aiming to achieve “zero waste” by following the waste hierarchy, actively promoting recycling and reuse, using packaging, marketing materials and consumable items that minimise the environmental impact of production and distribution in order to minimise the amount of commercial waste send to landfill/incineration
- minimise emissions through the promotion of low carbon transport for staff and deliveries.
- monitor and understand our use of energy and water across our operations;
- use the maximum amount possible of renewable energy
- eliminate the use of chemicals or other materials that are harmful to the environment.
- meet or exceed all environmental legislation that relates to the Charity
- use an accredited carbon offset programme to mitigate any greenhouse gas emissions generated by any air travel conducted by staff or members.
- where possible, use renewable construction materials from sustainable sources, and where it makes sense, to design for dis-assembly, circular design, reuse or recycling.
- source produce, materials and labour from local suppliers or contractors where possible and generally seek to support the local economy through such activities as the outdoor market and joint marketing efforts.
- support local time banking schemes, such as the one administered by the Community First Newport Central Cluster.
- Build on our experience of running a book library to encourage further shared use of common resources, for example by implementing a local tool and equipment library.

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