

# EARTH Centre NPC

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## **The EARTH Centre Environmental Policy Statement**

The EARTH Centre is managed as a professional and environmentally conscious organization, acknowledging the impact that its operations may potentially have on the environment.

### **We are committed to minimising our impacts on the environment by:**

- mitigating pollution, reducing waste and ensuring, wherever possible, and ensuring that practical measures are implemented to protect and preserve natural habitats, flora and fauna;
- considering the effect that our operations may have on the local community;
- taking action to eliminate or reduce as far as is practicable any potentially adverse environmental impacts;
- promoting environmental awareness amongst our stakeholders, and to an extent the public, through operational procedures;
- seeking to work in partnership with the community by behaving in a confederate and socially responsible manner, and
- Ensuring effective and expedient incident control, investigation and reporting.

Our management, staff, volunteers and boards members have responsibilities for the implementation of the policy and will ensure that environmental issues are given adequate consideration in the planning and day-to-day supervision of all work and/ or projects.

We commit to working towards fully complying with the duties placed upon our organization within the requirements of statutory legislation, whilst at all times complying with, as a matter of best practice, the requirements and duties set out within approved guidance as issued by GingerBiscuit and the Heritage Environmental Accreditation Programme.

Our employees, volunteers, subcontractors and stakeholders are invited to assist in the implementation of the policy, whilst ensuring that their own tasks, as far as is reasonably practicable, are carried out without risk to themselves, others or the environment. This includes co-operating with management on any environmental related matters.

We will openly communicate our policies and practices to interested parties and invite comments and feedback on our performance against our stated objectives and goals.

We will take all possible steps practical for an NPO to ensure that potential hazards and risk to the environment are identified and that suitable and effective preventative and control measures are implemented. Our employees and volunteers will be provided with the necessary resources, equipment, information, instructions and training to fulfil their requirements of this policy.

The operation of this statement and the associated procedures will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they remain current and applicable to the company's activities.

We are committed to a process of continuous improvement over time in our efforts to meet our environmental targets.

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