

## Community Investment Board – Environmental Statement

The Community Investment Board believes we all have a responsibility to protect the environment for future generations - this includes the communities and projects we invest in. We want to inspire community groups and individuals to do their bit to reduce their environmental impact as well as our own.

We recognise many groups are run by volunteers and that time is precious – here are some tips that the National Lottery Community Foundation have put together to get you started in thinking about how to help the environment whilst also reducing your energy costs, saving your organisation money;

- Reduce the amount of waste diverted to landfill by increasing recycling. Try to reduce the amount of waste generated and seek out better options for reusing, recycling and recovering waste.
- Energy saving – save energy and switch to a green energy supplier.
- Reduce the environmental impact of events – consider the environment during your event planning to save resources, time and money.

We recognize that not one size fits all, and that groups require varying support. Here are some of things you might like to think about;

- Printing; we are committed to reduce our use of physical resources such as paper and ink by reducing our printing. When we do print we seek to use doubled sides of paper and use files electronically where we can.
- Mileage; we acknowledge that car travel has an impact on the environment through the release of carbon emissions and so encourage use of public transport where available and if not, we promote car sharing.
- Video Conferencing; where appropriate this can reduce travel by cars into offices.
- Carbon Offsetting; is something which some organisations may have access to where they can voluntarily offset their carbon emissions from travel or running buildings for instance with planting trees, providing wildlife habitats etc. in other areas. Whilst not the 'quick fix' where available this can be a step towards reducing carbon emissions.

When seeking investment from the community investment fund the board will review whether environmental considerations have been made as part of their assessment. They will always ensure that this consideration is practical and proportionate to the applicant size and activities being carried out. When attaining funds to invest the board will always consider the environmental impact of that and follow its own suggestions above where possible.

To find out more you might like to visit

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/how-to/how-to-create-a-green-action-plan> where you can see tips on how to create your own 'green plan',

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