

Freedom Church Environmental Policy

Mission statement

Freedom Church recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our strategy and operating methods, with regular review points. We will encourage staff, volunteers, congregation, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

Responsibility

The Core Leadership Team are responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented. However, all stakeholders have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

Policy aims

- Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance and reduce environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental factors into decisions
- Increase environmental awareness

Paper & Plastic

- We will minimise the use of paper and single-use plastic
- We will seek to buy recycled and recyclable/compostable products.
- We will reuse and recycle where possible.

Energy & Water

- We will seek to reduce the amount of energy & water used as much as possible.
- Taps, lights and electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use.
- Heating will be adjusted with energy efficiency in mind.
- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be taken into account when purchasing.

Administration & Supplies

- We will evaluate if renting/sharing is an option before purchasing equipment.
- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- We will favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible.
- We will reuse and recycle everything we are able to.

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- We will seek to minimise the printing of documents and flyers etc and encourage the use of electronic and digital alternatives

Maintenance & Cleaning

- Cleaning materials used will be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Materials used for refurbishments will be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

Monitoring & Improvement

- We will comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- We will continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- We will continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- We will incorporate environmental factors into project decisions.
- We will review this policy and any related issues at our leadership meetings.

Culture

- We will involve stakeholders in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.
- We will increase awareness of environmental issues
- We will review this policy regularly and update where necessary
- We will use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and help the community.

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Position:

Date: