

# 39 Youth Club Environmental Policy



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## Policy Statement

39 YOUTH CLUB considers that protection of the environment in which we live and operate is part of our values and principles and we consider it to be sound practice. Care for the environment is one of our key responsibilities and an important part of the way in which we support young people to care for their community.

In this policy statement we commit our charity to:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations, and approved codes of practice.
- Protecting the environment by striving to prevent and minimise our contribution to pollution of land, air, and water.
- Seeking to keep wastage to a minimum and maximise the efficient use of materials and resources.
- Managing and disposing of all waste in a responsible manner.
- Providing training for our staff so that we all work in accordance with this policy and within an environmentally aware culture.

We will adopt an Environmental plan for 39 Youth Club that will take the following measures:

1. Energy Efficiency
  - a. Renewable Energy - Select an energy provider that promotes and sources renewable energy.
  - b. Energy-Efficient Lighting: Replace traditional bulbs with LED lights to reduce energy consumption.
  - c. Power Saving Policies - Encourage users to turn off lights, electronics, and appliances when not in use.
2. Waste Reduction and Recycling
  - a. Waste Audits- Conduct regular waste audits to identify areas for improvement and track progress.
  - b. Recycling Bins - Place clearly labelled recycling bins throughout the facility to encourage proper waste separation.
  - c. Reducing Single-Use Items: Minimise the use of disposable items and encourage reusable alternatives such as water bottles and containers.
3. Sustainable Transportation
  - a. Promote Public Transportation - Encourage users to use public transportation, walk, or bike to 39 Youth Club.
  - b. Car-sharing - Encourage carsharing among users for events or activities to reduce individual carbon footprints.
4. Water Conservation
  - a. Awareness - Educate users about the importance of water conservation and implement ways to reduce water waste throughout the centre - including grey water usage.
5. Continuous Improvement
  - a. Regular Assessments- Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the environmental plan and adjust as needed.
  - b. Feedback Mechanism - Establish a system for users to provide feedback and contribute ideas for improving the centre's environmental initiatives.

By implementing these measures, 39 Youth Club aims to create a sustainable and environmentally conscious community for its users, honing a sense of responsibility and awareness amongst our community and young people.

The policy statement will be regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. The trustees endorse these policy statements and are fully committed to their implementation.