

CIEH

Environmental policy

CIEH is one of the world's leading public health organisations. It advocates and campaigns on key environmental health issues; sets and maintains the highest standards of professional practice for its members; provides high quality training qualifications and events; and provides one of London's leading sustainable venues for conferences and events.

Environmental health professionals are qualified and trained to understand the inextricable linkages between the natural and built environments and the health and wellbeing of people. As one of the world's leading professional bodies for environmental health, we fully recognise the threats, challenges, and opportunities that climate change presents. The climate emergency is a public health emergency.

CIEH's vision is "safer, cleaner and healthier environments for the benefit of all".

How we as an organisation carry out our activities must align with our vision, and we recognise that our day-to-day activities can have an adverse effect on the environment. This policy therefore sets out our approach to managing and limiting our environmental impacts which we aim to achieve by:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation affecting our operations including any buildings we occupy
- Using all practicable means to ensure our suppliers comply with the environmental legislation that affects them, encouraging our customers to do likewise
- Monitoring and reviewing our arrangements for waste recycling and disposal in any buildings we control to ensure that all waste is properly handled, recycled and disposed of in accordance with current legal requirements and best practice
- Ensuring we comply with any licence requirements for our buildings to avoid causing environmental noise or other nuisance to our neighbours

In addition to complying with all relevant environmental legislation, we will further commit to:

- Facilitating remote working for our staff wherever possible to minimise our environmental impacts
- Supporting and encouraging staff to reduce the environmental impacts of their own homes
- Maintaining a virtual meeting policy to reduce environmental impacts through unnecessary travel
- Improving resource consumption efficiency within the organisation by setting targets to reduce the use of energy and water in our buildings

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- Minimising waste in our buildings by reduction, re-use and recycling
- Implementing a travel policy which supports and promotes the use of the most environmentally sustainable modes of transport
- Procuring goods and services from suppliers who can demonstrate sound environmental credentials, giving preference to them where these exist
- Setting appropriate targets for reducing our significant environmental impacts
- Ensuring a culture of continual improvement
- Reporting on our operations and the impact of our activities on our organisation, humankind and the natural environment

This environmental policy will be regularly reviewed as part of our environmental management programme.

Signed:

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