



The FAN Charity – Policies

Environment and Sustainability Policy

1. Our aim

We are committed to

- Sustainable development (meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs) as a guiding principle within our work. Concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment. Our aim is to reduce the impact on the environment from our operations. We recognise our responsibility to reduce our carbon and environmental footprints and formally commit ourselves to be an environmentally responsible charity.
- Bringing people together in FAN. Through this we are encouraging local and social connections. When people have these connections they are much more likely to care about what happens to each other, to society and to our environment. This is central to what we do in FAN.
- Assess the environmental impacts of our current and future operations on an annual basis.

2. Our commitments

Environment

Promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation and communicate and implement this policy with trustees, staff and volunteers through Trustee meeting agendas, Facilitator Get Togethers, and topics at FAN meetings.

- We will seek to reduce unnecessary travel to groups by increasing the number of local groups
- We will use electronic means for staff communication where possible

- We will be mindful of our use of natural resources including energy and water – note FAN does not have its own premises
- We will minimise waste by reduction, re-use and recycling methods following good practice.

Reduce: We will first question whether a purchase is strictly necessary and if it is, whether the amounts required could be reduced.

Re-use: Secondly we will seek to buy re-used items in preference to new items where practical or borrow from other organisations.

Recycle: If new items have to be purchased, we will seek whether there is a feasible option of buying products made locally, from recycled materials, or a more energy-efficient model.

- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation/regulations;
- Ensure that our policies and services are developed in a way that is complementary to this policy;
- Provide appropriate resources to meet the commitments of this policy
- Promote and encourage involvement in local environmental initiatives/schemes where feasible.

In order to sustain our operations and meet the requirements of this policy FAN aims to grow the number of FAN Groups and to increase the number of FAN Facilitators, who support sustainable FAN Groups which operate across South Wales.

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