

Environmental Policy

The National Galleries of Scotland (NGS) recognises the importance of environmental stewardship and are committed to protecting the environment and reducing the impact of our activities. We will seek to continually improve our environmental performance and manage this through our Environmental Management Plan.

Aims & Objectives



1. Ensure that we keep in line with relevant environmental **legislation and policy** from the European Union, UK and Scottish Government.



2. Implement measures to the **prevention of pollution** and monitor discharges and emissions to land, air, and water to ensure we keep within consented limits.



3. Monitor resources generated and recycling levels, promote **waste reduction and reuse** of materials where appropriate.



4. Monitor and manage water use across our estate and implement measures to **reduce water consumption**



5. Monitor and manage energy use across our estate and implement measures to **reduce energy consumption** that keep in line with the needs of our collection.



6. Promote **sustainable travel** options to staff and visitors and work to reduce emissions from our transport.



7. Promote more **sustainable practises and behaviours** among our employees, stakeholders, partner and visitors and ensure policies are implemented.



8. Encourage the **purchase of environmentally friendly goods and adopt circular economy practises** through our procurement processes.



9. Ensure any new construction or **refurbishment is undertaken in an environmentally responsible way** and low energy options are considered in the design



10. To Protect and increase current levels of **biodiversity** on our estate.

NGS maintains an *Environmental Response Plan* that will define the issues, revise the procedures already in place, set down annual targets, and monitor the previous year's results.