



Galway Community Circus

Environmental Policy



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The environmental policy has been produced as part of the growing awareness of human effects on the biosphere. This environmental policy promotes a clean, safe and healthy environment for members of Galway Community Circus and wider community. Galway Community Circus is committed to exceeding minimum environmental standards where practicable and within the organisation's financial constraints.

Galway Community Circus is aware that its business activities impact upon the environment and is committed to ensuring these activities have the least possible detrimental effect.

We are committed to:

- Complying fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations
- Assessing the environmental impacts of our operations, continuously seeking to reduce these impacts and improving our resource efficiency through reduction of energy, water use and waste
- Promoting environmental and energy awareness in our employees through participation and training
- Monitoring our progress to ensure ongoing improvements in our environmental performance
- Communicate this policy to stakeholders and the public and work with our neighbours to reduce the impact of our operations

Energy

- Reducing our carbon footprint as part of a carbon management strategy
- Optimise energy efficiency and conservation in all operations
- Controlling and managing energy efficiency in our business and promoting energy efficiency
- Reducing the impact of transportation in our business activities by promoting alternative methods, e.g. public transport, bike, carpooling.

Waste

- Actively promote reduce, reuse and recycling both internally and amongst our suppliers and customers
- Minimising waste generation by applying reuse and recycle options where possible

Continuous Improvement

- Setting specific improvement targets, monitoring progress and communicating results internally
- Develop specific objectives to continually improve our environmental performance
- Set objectives and targets for continuous improvement. Measure and review our performance regularly and communicate the results
- Continual performance improvement in minimising environmental impacts of our business
- Proper segregation of waste using the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle)
- Particular attention should be paid to correct disposal/recycling of hazardous materials, such as: batteries, print cartridges and IT hardware (WEEE waste)

Procurement

- Choosing suppliers and contractors that adopt best environmental practices and make this the procurement policy of our company
- Purchasing products and services that have the least environmental impact, where this is feasible

Awareness/Training

- Encouraging environmental awareness among our employees through appropriate communication and training programmes
- Promoting environmental awareness throughout our business
- Ensure that all employees understand our environmental policy and conform to its standards
- Informing and motivating all our staff and encouraging them to play an active role in committing to our environmental policy