



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

POLICY & PROCEDURES

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1	<p>KPC is a registered charity benefiting the local community by offering much needed diversionary activities for young people aged 8 – 25. With around 250 members the Centre provides a safe environment for young people to visit for recreation and learning. We increase skills, and help young people into employment opportunities, as well as offering a wide range of recreational activities, advice, information and support. The main building houses a Computer Room, games area with table tennis and pool tables, a small Café, Computer Room with dance area, music room and art room. The external area has a Skate Park, Multi-Games Pitch, Garden & Adventure Play Area. In addition, the project also supports local unemployed through accredited training, employability skills, and digital upskilling.</p> <p>KPC understands that's its operations have an impact on the local and global environment and is committed to the continual environmental improvement of its activities and ensuring that all activities carried out by KPC will comply with all relevant environmental legislation.</p> <p>KPC is committed to the prevention of pollution – we will aim to continuously improve our environmental performance through the support and involvement of all trustees, staff, volunteers and members. In recognition of this we have implemented an environmental management system.</p>
2	<p>KPC will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively minimise waste through our waste reduction policy, which describes our principle of reducing, reusing and recycling our office waste • Reduce the amount of energy consumed during our opening hours by efficiently using equipment and operating our "last out, lights off", "switch off when not in use" • If possible and affordable aim to operate a purchasing policy to ensure as much material as possible is sourced from recycled material • Review our EMS including this policy annually • Demonstrate our commitment in practical and workable ways such as recycling of as many items as possible, reusing paper, encouraging an ethos of energy saving with regards to lighting, heating and water. <p>Our improvement Plan and Policy will be reviewed annually for relevance and updated as and when specific needs arise.</p>



Statement of Environmental Impacts

Consumption of Electricity for Lighting & Power:

This is our activity with the most significant adverse environmental impact. Electricity supplied to KPC is provided by burning fossil fuels, a finite resource. During the burning process large quantities of Carbon Dioxide are produced. This heat fixing gas increases the green-house effect, which involves heat from earth being unable to escape and instead is reflected back to earth. This contributes to global warming, the effects being large-scale climate change and flooding of coastal areas. Burning fossil fuels in the power station also results in emissions of Sulphur Oxides, a major cause of acid rain. Acid rain causes acidification of lakes and streams as well as damaging trees, sensitive soils and the built environment.

To reduce this impact, we minimise the use of electricity wherever possible including communicating switching off lights, electrical and electronic equipment when they are not needed and avoiding wasting heat where possible. We also have regular tests of our boiler to ensure this is running efficiently.

Generating Small Quantities of Waste:

This is disposed of to landfill, which loses valuable resources. As waste breaks down it emits landfill gases including methane. Methane fixes heat 31 times more effectively than Carbon Dioxide and has been linked with adverse health effects in humans.

To reduce this impact, we minimise waste, reuse materials such as paper and re-cycle materials where possible.

Use of Raw Materials:

Everyday activities consume paper and many of our materials arrive in packaging, which uses up natural resources and to produce these goods is often energy intensive. The paper production process is particularly energy intensive, resulting in large quantities of greenhouse gases being produced. Transport associated with collection of raw material through to delivery of final product results in large quantities of emissions harmful to the environment and human health.

The use of plastics has been identified as a threat to our planet, sea-life and wildlife. KPC will aim to reduce the use of plastics, by removing the use of plastic straws and offering paper straws where necessary. We will endeavor to reduce the use of plastic and will recycle all plastic that is used / received within KPC.

In addition, to reduce the overall impact, paper is reused for scrap, and



where possible any waste is recycled to divert this valuable resource from landfill. We also organise recycling of plastics, glass, cans mobile phones and computer toners/cartridges.

Transport/Travel:

KPC does not have its own transport, but encourages staff to walk to work where possible, lift share where practical and when attending courses/meetings to lift share to reduce the environmental impact of travel.

Waste:

KPC produces waste through packaging and food waste. KPC is committed to reducing/recycling as much of this as possible – and through segregation recycles paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum cans, toner cartridges.

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