Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums

Environmental Policy Statement

Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM) is committed to reducing its environmental impact year on year. We seek to continually improve the environmental performance of our activities and we are committed to reducing impacts to the environment from all areas of our operation.

The Director and Senior Management Team lead on environmental performance, awareness and engagement activities for TWAM, and Museum Managers are committed to both improving the physical infrastructure and environmental management of their individual venues.

We expect all staff, volunteers and partners to work in an environmentally manner.

We will comply with relevant legislation and will strive to reduce our consumption of gas, electricity, water and other materials.

We articulate our commitment to improving sustainability and to reducing energy consumption through physical methods and staff development. All venue and team plans identify what they will be doing to help deliver this commitment.

We aim to encourage our service users to engage in our commitment by mounting temporary exhibitions on sustainability incorporating opportunities for feedback and by publishing comparative data on how efficient our buildings are and by installing recycling bins in our venues.

We will endeavour to promote sustainable options for staff and visitor travel.

We will continually assess the environmental impact of all historic, current and likely future developments whilst ensuring key staff members contribute to energy audits and the findings.

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