



Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums Environmental Policy

Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM) commitment is to provide a World-class service that is innovative, imaginative, creative, totally inclusive, secure and sustainable and to minimising the environmental impacts of our operations.

To meet our environmental commitment we will:

- Meet and, where possible, exceed all current and future European and national environmental legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Adopt best operational practices to reduce environmental impacts of TWAM activities and policies.
- Measure and take action to reduce the carbon footprint of our activities and ensure our buildings and services are able to adapt to climate change.
- Monitor, manage and minimise TWAM’s use of energy and water.
- Minimise the environmental impact of travelling between home and our venues and on TWAM business.
- Minimise the amount of waste produced by TWAM and encourage greater reuse and recycling.
- Ensure environmental, including climate change, criteria are taken into account in the procurement of goods and services.
- Consider environmental factors in TWAM decisions and activities including giving due consideration to environmental issues and energy performance in the design, refurbishment, and use of our buildings.
- Develop and train our employees to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner.

To ensure we meet our commitments, we undertake to periodically monitor and review our environmental performance and take corrective action where necessary.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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