



## Environmental Policy

### Introduction

As part of NSCM's Environmental Policy we have established an Environmental Plan to promote reduced consumption of electricity and gas. Where we are responsible for the purchase of water, we will engage with environmentally responsible companies.

### NSCM will

Where appropriate and possible, provide environmental information and raise awareness of environmental issues to YP/A. In addition, we include relevant information in the YP/A guide. NSCM staff will use signs and notices with YP/A as reminders and include information and tips in the YP/A guide.

Making use of a range of natural and man-made resources - NSCM appreciates the environmental benefits of reducing the consumption of these resources and encourages its staff working with YP/A to promote alternative options and make use of recycling initiatives wherever they are available and are practical. As a geographically diverse organisation we will look at ways of organising our business and the ways we operate to reduce our emissions impact on the environment.

By exercising proper control over its activities, NSCM will promote use of sustainable resources and discourage practices that are wasteful or damage the environment. NSCM staff are already involved in guiding and advising on 'greening' matters to the YP/A with whom we work to support our 'Environmental Policy and Procedures'.

NSCM recognises the importance of 'modelling' behaviour. As such, all staff will be required to demonstrate efficient use of resources. Project and activity planning will be required to consider environmental impact. Encouraging YP/A commitment to reducing the environmental impact will be critical to achieving any reduction in energy use.

In recognition of wider environmental impact, NSCM will encourage YP/A and staff to use safe sustainable travel to and from their accommodation. We will encourage more YP/A and staff to walk and cycle to the property.

**NSCM Method Statement**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Method Statement</b>
Reduce carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) emissions	<p>As part of our independent living skills work, we encourage YP/A to contract with 'green' energy suppliers for utilities.</p> <p>Encourage YP/A to put systems in place so that their properties are as efficient as possible, heat is not lost by adding insulation. Encouraging YP/A to reduce heat temperature and wear layers of clothing.</p> <p>NSCM policy when purchasing white goods, that we purchase and install most efficient equipment like washing machines/kettles etc.</p>
Reduce energy use	<p>As above, plus energy efficient lighting / light bulbs, staff modelling behaviour to YP/A i.e., turning lights off, full washing machine loads and talking about why this is important.</p> <p>We ensure all properties secured are energy efficient and have been issued with an Energy Performance Certificate.</p>
Increase the development and use of renewable energy	Contract with 'green' energy suppliers.
Reduce transport emissions	<p>We encourage all YP/A to walk to meet family and friends or use public transport.</p> <p>Staff are also encouraged to car share, cycle or walk when visiting YP/A, where practical.</p>
Reduce waste and increase reuse and recycling	Staff role modelling to YP/A and encourage YP/A to think about their purchases and to maximum recycling i.e., limiting plastic containers, using paper bags, and replacing with glass/paper where practical.
Use water efficiently, and sustainably manage the water environment (including flood risk management, taking into account projected impacts of climate change)	<p>Staff talk through and promote the use of water saving devices and show how to install the product.</p> <p>Encourage YP/A to think about their choices – i.e., showing rather than bath, not filling kettles up to the top and only boiling enough water to cover their need.</p>
Use materials efficiently and procure materials and services from sustainable sources	<p>NSCM promoting contracting 'green' energy suppliers.</p> <p>If purchasing items, YP/A are encouraged to source products locally where possible (i.e., food).</p>
Prevent pollution of land, water, and air	Talk about impact of smoking to YP/A, the environment, and not throwing cigarette butts on the ground if they do smoke.

	Impact of littering. Instil in YP/A 'reduce, reuse and recycle' as NSCM policy.
Protect and enhance biodiversity	N/A