



POLICY:

Environmental Sustainability Policy



**BRAZILIAN
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Introduction

The Brazilian Cultural Centre in Nottingham, UK, recognises the critical importance of environmental sustainability in today's world. We are committed to playing our part in protecting the environment and minimising our ecological footprint. This Environmental Sustainability Policy outlines our commitment to sustainability and the actions we will take to achieve our goals.

Policy Statement

At the Brazilian Cultural Centre in Nottingham, we are dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability in all aspects of our operations. We aim to:

Reduce Energy Consumption

We will continuously work towards reducing our energy consumption by:

- Implementing energy-efficient technologies and practices.
- Turning off lights, televisions, monitors and other equipment when not in use.
- Where practicable, heating should be turned down or off in unoccupied rooms or areas,
- Draughting proof doors and windows where practicable, and loft spaces checked to ensure insulation is adequate.

Waste Reduction

We are committed to reducing waste generation and promoting recycling and reuse wherever possible.

This includes:

- Providing recycling bins throughout our facilities and minimising single-use plastics.
- Encouraging the use of effective environmentally friendly cleaning products and other products such as e-cloths.

- Making sure that hazardous items, such as oils, chemicals, fluorescent tubes, batteries, etc, and electrical items must be disposed of properly and not simply dumped in the bin.

Water Conservation

We will strive to reduce water consumption by:

- Installing water-efficient fixtures
- Maintaining our plumbing systems
- Raising awareness among our staff and visitors about the importance of water conservation.

Sustainable Procurement

We will prioritise the purchase of environmentally friendly and sustainable products and materials whenever feasible. This includes:

- Sourcing locally produced goods to reduce transportation emissions.
- Ordering stationery, fundraising resources, etc, in bulk to reduce transport costs.
- Where practicable, buy products manufactured from recycled waste.

Transportation

We will encourage the use of public transportation, carpooling, cycling, and walking among our staff and visitors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with travel to our facilities. This includes:

- Encourage shared transport use by staff where it is practicable.
- Coordinate meeting timings and locations, including the use of technology for virtual meetings when practicable to minimise travel.

Education and Engagement

We will educate our staff, volunteers, and visitors about environmental sustainability and the steps they can take to reduce their environmental impact. We will also seek opportunities to collaborate with local organisations and schools on sustainability initiatives.

Continuous Improvement

We will regularly review and update our sustainability goals and practices, striving for continuous improvement in our environmental performance.

Compliance and Responsibility

The Brazilian Cultural Centre in Nottingham, UK, is committed to complying with all relevant environmental laws and regulations. Responsibility for implementing this policy rests with all directors, who will collaborate with all staff and volunteers to ensure its successful execution.

Review and Update

This Environmental Sustainability Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains current and aligned with best practices in environmental sustainability.

Conclusion

The Brazilian Cultural Centre is dedicated to leading by example in promoting environmental sustainability. We understand that protecting the environment is not only a responsibility but an opportunity to contribute positively to the world we live in. Together, we can make a difference for the benefit of future generations.