

Creative Threads Cornwall CIC

Environmental Policy



1. Policy Statement

Creative Threads Cornwall CIC is committed to minimising our environmental impact and promoting sustainability in all areas of our work. We recognise our responsibility to protect the environment for current and future generations, and we will integrate sustainable practices into our community craft programmes, operations, and partnerships.

2. Our Commitments

- **Sustainable Sourcing**
 - We will source materials and equipment responsibly, prioritising suppliers who demonstrate ethical and sustainable practices.
 - Where possible, we will use locally sourced products to reduce transport emissions and support the local economy.
- **Reuse and Recycling**
 - We will embed reuse and recycling into all our activities, encouraging participants to repurpose fabrics, textiles, and craft materials.
 - We will minimise single-use items and ensure that waste is separated and recycled wherever facilities exist.
 - Creative projects will highlight the value of upcycling and creative reuse, inspiring participants to adopt sustainable habits at home.
- **Reducing Waste**
 - We will plan workshops carefully to avoid unnecessary waste of materials.
 - Offcuts and surplus items will be reused in future sessions or donated to community partners.
- **Energy and Resource Efficiency**
 - We will use community venues that demonstrate good environmental practices where possible.
 - Staff and volunteers will be encouraged to reduce energy use, conserve water, and travel sustainably.

- **Community Education and Engagement**

- Through our workshops, we will raise awareness of environmental issues, showing how creative reuse and recycling can reduce costs and protect the planet.
- We will share resources and ideas with participants to help them continue sustainable practices beyond our sessions.

3. Monitoring and Improvement

- We will review our environmental practices annually and seek feedback from staff, volunteers, and participants.
- We will set achievable goals for reducing waste, increasing reuse, and sourcing more sustainably each year.
- We will stay informed about best practice in sustainability and adapt our approach accordingly.

4. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors/Trustees, or sooner if required by changes in legislation or best practice.

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Signed:



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