

THE NATIONAL PIPING CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Over the past few years, The National Piping Centre has taken their sustainability responsibilities seriously as an organisation working in partnership with Creative Carbon Scotland and the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce to assess their impact, create a baseline for their activities, and begin to mitigate the impact of those activities.

The National Piping Centre has a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon emissions in line with Scotland's pathway to Net Zero. These actions include:

- Reaffirming our commitment to being Net Zero by 2030, which is Glasgow City Council's major target and building this into all of our project planning.
- Exploring in-setting capabilities to offset our residual emissions and achieve our Net Zero commitment.
- Expanding our Reedcycling project, which identifies additional waste and by-products of the piping industry and recycles them into new products. E.g. Piping Reeds, Copper etc.
- Engaging with all of our supplier partners to reduce waste across the supply chain.
- Collaborating with industry experts to identify areas where we can improve our sustainability and reduce our carbon footprint.
- Growing and enhancing our partnership with the Smart Electric Power Alliance, providing event and conference space in return for support with our own Net Zero agenda.
- Working closely with Creative Carbon Scotland to maintain our position as sector leaders in pursuit of our Net Zero agenda.
- Prioritising the lowest carbon means possible for delivering content, including online delivery and minimising travel.
- Ensuring that business travel is conducted using the lowest carbon method of transport available, with unavoidable business flights being the exception.
- Continuing our efforts to reduce landfill waste, aiming to achieve a 90% recycled material target by 2025.
- Funding and supporting training and education for our Green Team Leaders.
- Encouraging a "Think Net Zero" culture at all levels of our organisation.
- Incentivising and rewarding decision-making that supports our Net Zero agenda.
- Building on our experience as members of Glasgow's Step Up To Net Zero pilot scheme to provide the framework for our wider Net Zero agenda.
- Supporting local suppliers in reducing carbon emissions throughout the supply chain.
- Investing in remote learning and online content delivery platforms to ensure business sustainability in the climate emergency.

We integrate climate consciousness into our programme delivery in the following ways:

- Incorporating a climate-conscious mentality into the planning and delivery of each project we undertake.
- Building on and investing in our instrument refurbishment scheme to minimise the environmental impact of new instrument manufacture.
- Investing in a retro-fitting programme to improve the efficiency of our physical premises.
- Explore the feasibility of cutting-edge technologies and partnerships such as data centre heat recovery schemes.
- Measuring, reducing, and incentivising against team members and project staff using private cars for commuting and business use.
- Supporting the use of public transport for team members and participants through flexible engagements and increased travel funding.
- Reimbursement for travel is provided only if utilising public transport.
- Protecting our physical buildings from the effects of climate change through rigorous and ongoing maintenance and restoration works to remedy any ill effects quickly.
- We have worked with a Step Up to Net Zero Environmental Champion, who helped shape the organisation's direction with regard to environmental sustainability. They retrospectively calculated the organisations' footprint. This has helped the team to gain a deeper understanding of its Scope 1, 2 and 3 outputs and begin to monitor them going forward.
- Piping Live! Monitoring - large-scale events are a contributor to "single-use" mind-set. There will be a specific monitoring and carbon reduction plan for our own large-scale event, Piping Live!, to ensure this event is as sustainable as possible.
- Public communications - ensure we have widespread public-facing content that demonstrates our initiatives and progress to our stakeholders, as well as encourages all of our stakeholders to consider their actions.

To manage the impact of the climate emergency on our organisation and ensure long-term business sustainability, we are implementing a range of strategies:

- We actively assess and address climate risks, adjusting our operations as needed to enhance energy efficiency and protect our buildings from climate-related risks.
- We are in the process of developing a comprehensive climate adaptation plan that will guide our future actions.
- We have transitioned from traditional offsetting strategies to 'insetting,' focusing on addressing emissions at their source to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Our commitment to climate justice is reflected in our approach, acknowledging that the most disadvantaged often bear the brunt of climate change's effects.
- We will implement various Management plans, such as Piping Live!'s Wind Management Plan to ensure the safety of our audiences and teams.