



South West Fed Environmental Policy

Vision

Covid 19, the destruction of habitats and ecosystems and climate change are inter-related manifestations of the potentially catastrophic impact of human activity on our planet. Together they pose one of the most significant and fastest growing threats to people and their cultural heritage worldwide. The South West Fed recognises that cultural organisations have a major role to play in working with our audiences and communities to combat, curate, interpret and learn about these environmental threats.

We support the vision outlined in the Climate Heritage Network's Memorandum of Understanding. The South West Fed board has signed the MOU and joined Climate Heritage Network in order to work collaboratively with our peers and relevant stakeholders to help develop, implement and enhance the climate action agenda in culture, heritage and the arts.

Our commitments

On a practical level, in striving to connect and inspire the heritage community across the South West, for the benefit of organisations and their audiences, the South West Fed aims to manage its activities to promote environmental sustainability, conserve and enhance natural resources and prevent environmental pollution to continually improve its environmental performance.

The South West Fed will comply fully with environmental legislation and officially approved codes of practice, and will make continued efforts to reduce its environmental impact through the implementation of the following objectives and targets related to its environmental impacts:

- to promote sound environmental management policies and practices to our members and across the sector through communications and our programme content;
- to increase awareness of environmental responsibilities amongst the board and our members;
- to work with other sector organisations to showcase best practice and enable peer to peer learning;
- to implement practices that contribute to a reduction in our carbon footprint;



- to minimise waste and pollution, and to operate effective waste management procedures including moving to paperless communications, invoicing and bank statements;
- to promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as practicable, to those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment;
- to avoid use, wherever possible, of environmentally damaging substances, materials, and processes;
- to have regard to environmental factors as far as practicable in respect of the growth of the organisation;
- to encourage modes of transport by the board, members and audiences which minimise the environmental impact and to consider digital meetings and events where possible and appropriate;
- to communicate with interested parties on issues relating to the Environmental Policy including members, relevant organisations and sector partners.