

Keswick Ministries Environmental Action Plan



The earth is the Lord's and everything in it
Psalm 24v1

In recognition of the growing seriousness of environmental problems and our God-given responsibilities towards creation, Keswick Ministries, in its day to day activities, is endeavouring to take account of its environmental impacts. This Environmental Action Plan (EAP), has been prepared in conjunction with staff, trustees and conventioners, and seeks to identify the most significant environmental impacts of the organisation and a series of actions to address them. In preparing the plan we hope that Keswick supporters will also be challenged to look at these issues in their own churches, places of work, and homes.

Significant environmental impacts	Actions / Areas for investigation	Comments / Proposed Actions
Office		
Energy consumption	Ensure all IT equipment (except servers) is switched off overnight.	Done.
	All new electrical equipment purchased to be the most energy efficient within the available budget.	Done.
	Use the Carbon Trust Action Plan Tool to identify other ways of saving energy in the office.	Sites visited by local energy saving specialists. Information being sought from Carbon Trust.
	Explore the feasibility of switching to a green electricity provider.	'Green' tariffs selected from energy suppliers where available.
Use of paper	Develop a policy on reducing paper consumption.	Paper being reused where appropriate for internal printing.
	Switch to 100% post consumer recycled paper for all office and publicity uses.	Implemented October 2006 for all publicity material and future paper purchases for office use.
Waste	Explore the options for recycling office paper.	Paper recycling introduced using bin provided by Council. Staff members also using confidential paper shreds in compost bins.
	Recycle all printer cartridges.	Done.
	Wherever possible, ensure all redundant office equipment is sold, donated for re-use or recycled.	Done.
Banking	Explore the feasibility of switching to a bank with an ethical/environmental policy.	Not considered practical to move. Our bank, HSBC's, do claim to have a leading environmental policy.
Staff Stakeholder Pension	Implemented with option to invest ethically.	Done.
Car Sharing	Staff members share lifts to work whenever practical.	Done.
Council & other meetings		
Transport	Develop a Use of Transport policy for meetings	Encourage use of shared and public transport wherever practical. Teleconference option used when practical to reduce the need to travel.
Use of paper	Encourage trustees to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce printing print double-sided use 100% post consumer recycled paper for all Keswick-related printing. 	Encourage as a good practice wherever practical. Council papers to be circulated from office using recycled paper, and printed double-sided.
Convention Centre & Rawsley Site		
Energy consumption	Monitor and improve efficiency of energy usage.	Regular review of energy invoices to gauge usage.
	Undertake energy audit via The Cumbria Energy Auditor Group	Audit completed, findings under evaluation
	Use energy saving light bulbs wherever possible.	Seeking supplier of energy saving bulbs with correct fitting
	Explore the feasibility of switching to a green electricity provider.	See above under offices.
	All new appliances purchased to be the most energy efficient within the available budget / specification.	Done.
	Replace gas fired central heating boilers at Rawsley Centre with energy efficient condensing boilers with optimisers and linked to thermostatic room controls.	New condensing boilers installed in Rawsley Centre with boiler management controller to heat the building only when required.
Water use	Insert water saving devices in all toilet cisterns.	Done where practical.
	Explore feasibility of installing water butts for watering grounds.	Not practical due to scale of site.
Waste	Provide facilities for tenants/guests for separating waste for recycling.	Restricted to paper outside Convention until Council's provision of recycling facilities is improved.
	Compost or recycle all green waste from gardening.	Done.
Biodiversity	Use only local native species in all new planting.	Working with Cumbria Wildlife Trust.
	Cumbria Wildlife Trust have surveyed both sites to assess other ways of promoting biodiversity.	Report received.
Use of paper	Purchase recycled bathroom tissue and paper towels.	Done.
Cleaning, laundry, sanitary and catering supplies	Use environmentally friendly supplies - pH neutral, biodegradable, made from recycled paper / renewable sources.	Done.
Décor	Centre lounge repainted using paint containing low VOC rating (Volatile Organic Compounds).	Done.
Suppliers	Use local stockists to reduce road miles and encourage local economy.	Implemented where practical and within budget and specification.
Convention weeks		
Transport	Explore feasibility of providing dedicated bus service to connect with trains at Penrith station on the Saturday of Convention weeks.	Not considered appropriate as there is an existing public bus service.
	Explicitly discourage the use of cars in and around Keswick during Convention weeks.	We promote use of Convention car parks, minibuses and walking. Signs are erected directing Conventioners' cars to Park & Ride, away from residential areas.
	Explore feasibility of lift-sharing scheme for Convention participants.	We encourage through our publicity and communications.
Waste	Provide facilities for separating all possible recyclable waste.	Done in Convention within limits of support from Allerdale Borough Council - keep pressure on Allerdale for greater provision.
	Publicise recycling facilities and encourage use.	Done.
	Explore options for recycling waste from bookshop.	Cardboard packaging is reused whenever possible and recycled if not reused.
Use of paper	Explore feasibility of printing programmes on recycled paper.	All communications are printed on either recycled paper or FSC accredited paper.
	Print all leaflets and other documentation double-sided on 100% post consumer recycled paper.	Double-sided printing used wherever appropriate.
Noise	Manage impact on neighbours by ensuring noise levels do not exceed acceptable levels.	Done. Noise levels are recorded and monitored regularly.
Catering	Develop purchasing policy covering fair trade, organic and local products.	Fair Trade and local produce purchased during Convention, Bible Weeks and year round.
'Influencing' impacts		
Potential impacts on the lifestyles / behaviour of Convention participants, Centre users, churches, mission partners, regional Keswick participants	Hold a seminar on environmental issues and the Christian response in each week of the Convention	Adopted as part of programme planning process.
	Use main meetings to raise awareness of environmental issues and the Christian response	Adopted as part of programme planning process
	Develop resources and/or publicise and distribute resources on environmental stewardship for individuals and churches	Sources of information - organisations, publications, web-sites etc to be made available through Convention Handbook.

The EAP is a working document that will be reviewed and updated regularly.

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