



Museum of London - Sustainability Statement

The Museum of London is the leading museum for London. Understanding the environmental impacts of our activities and reducing these where possible is an important element of being a leading museum and an area where we are committed to continual improvement. In the following areas Museum of London will;

Management and legislation

- develop and continually improve its information gathering, target setting and reporting on environmental issues
- reflect environmental and sustainability issues in its public programme (exhibitions, events, activities) where relevant
- encourage all staff to work in an environmentally responsible manner and to contribute to improving performance
- ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, statutory regulation and codes of practice from Display Energy Certificates to disposal of hazardous materials

Resource consumption (energy and water)

- monitor its energy and water consumption regularly
- seek to implement energy and water efficient solutions as part of maintenance upgrades and major refurbishment projects
- continually raise staff awareness and encourage a culture of responsible energy usage
- use harvested rainwater for toilets where possible and for all garden irrigation
- continue to look for ways to improve the energy efficiency of stores
- monitor, maintain and run environmental control equipment at an optimum level reducing energy wastage
- reduce its carbon footprint through a combination of the measures in this policy

The three 'R's (reducing, re-using, recycling) and waste management

- increase the use of our website as a source of information rather than printed materials
- reduce waste through minimising consumption, re-using and recycling
- provide recycling containers and bins, and recycle paper, cardboard, glass, plastics (as accepted), cans and tins as a minimum at all sites
- consider alternative options for equipment and materials before disposal
- minimise the use of chemicals harmful to the environment to a level consistent with the needs to properly and safely conserve objects
- dispose of used and surplus chemicals in a safe and responsible manner using licensed contractors

Building and refurbishment

- require all new building and refurbishment work to improve environmental performance through design, construction and operation for both public and back of house areas
- carry out energy and environment appraisals and assessments in line with best practice when refurbishing premises
- maintain high standards of energy and environmental management, including noise
- ensure the Museum will not contaminate soil, ground and surface water from buildings, building materials or gas
- require tenders, where necessary, to specify what Environmental or Waste Management Systems have been put in place and to monitor these

Procurement

- aim to balance sustainability considerations with Value for Money principles
- ensure materials used and goods purchased derive, where possible and relevant, from sustainable sources
- work with catering partners to offer organic and fair-trade food and drink where possible
- consider the sustainability policies and practices of suppliers and contractors
- ensure all paper and printed materials for general use are, as a minimum, Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified

Travel and transport

- encourage the use of public transport by staff and visitors
- support cycling and car sharing initiatives
- limit journeys by Museum vehicles to essential operational requirements
- ensure Museum vehicles are maintained to ensure they run economically
- consider different transport options when moving objects on loan, whilst ensuring care of collections

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