



## Blyth u3a Environmental Policy

### Purpose

To provide an Environmental Policy, which will be fair and effective, according to Blyth u3a local requirements.

### Scope

Relevant to all Blyth u3a members, including associate members.

### Aims of this policy

Given the concerns amongst u3a members and wider society about climate change, Blyth & District u3a have adopted these guidelines and encourage all groups and members to reflect on the way their activities may impact on climate change, biodiversity loss and the environment. This Policy reflects the National u3a policy.

The aims of this policy

- To ensure Blyth & District u3a is run in a way that actively aims to limit the impact on the environment by:
- address the concerns of members and wider society with regard to environmental issues
- encourage a culture of awareness and a sense of responsibility within the membership with respect to sustainability and environmental issues
- minimise the environmental impact of organised u3a activities

### Practical Measures

The following are practical measures to raise awareness and to minimise the environmental impact. Please note that committee members, group leaders and all members have an important part to play in supporting these measures during the activities of the u3a.

- Consider arranging speakers on environmental topics for some monthly meetings.
- Wherever possible incorporate environmental concerns into planning and decision making.
- Consider the impact of activities which take place outdoors on natural ecosystems e.g. walking and nature groups and how trips could be made more sustainable.
- Ensure as far as possible that refreshments are served in an environmentally friendly manner e.g. using crockery rather than disposable cups, cutlery etc.
- Minimise waste and encourage reuse and recycling.
- Encourage travel to meetings and events by walking, car sharing and public transport where available.
- Make this policy available on our website and draw our members' attention to it.

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