



## Achieving Results in Communities (ARC) Community Interest Company

### **Environmental Policy**

ARC is committed to transforming our environment to create quality open spaces that contribute to people's mental and physical health and wellbeing. Conservation and protection of the natural world for the benefit of all is at the heart of our mission.

ARC seeks to achieve its objectives in a manner that minimises harm to the environment and achieves positive environmental impact. We will carry out our activities as responsible stewards of the environment and strive to deliver services in a manner that leaves the planet healthy and safe.

#### **We aim to:**

- seek to better understand the impact our activities have on the environment
- safeguard the environment in all our activities
- continually improve our environmental performance
- conserve energy, reduce consumption of raw materials and to reduce waste
- where possible, use renewable natural resources and conserve non-renewable resources through efficient use and careful planning
- minimise the creation of waste, and wherever possible recycle materials and encourage others to do likewise
- promote sustainable and positive environmental action through our own activities and those of our contractors, partners, stakeholders and clients
- where possible, use suppliers who share our vision for the environment
- minimise the risk of environmental damage by employing safe technologies and operating procedures
- disclose to our partners, stakeholders, clients and the relevant authorities any incidents relating to our operations that cause environmental harm
- ensure that all staff and contractors are aware of their environmental responsibilities as laid out in these principles
- carry out regular self-evaluation and environmental audits of our activities to ensure compliance with these policies
- source local products where possible

#### **We will take these specific actions in the following areas:**

##### Paper, office and cleaning supplies

- minimise the use of paper in the office
- reduce packaging as much as possible
- use recycled and recyclable paper products
- reuse and recycle all paper and equipment where possible



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- evaluate if renting/sharing is an option before purchasing equipment
- evaluate the environmental impact of any new equipment we intend to purchase
- favour more environmentally friendly and efficient equipment wherever possible
- only use environmentally-friendly cleaning products both in the office and during outside activities
- only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste

## Energy and water

- reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible
- lights, electrical equipment and heating will be switched off when not in use
- the energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be taken into account when purchasing

## Transport

- restrict travel to essential trips only
- promote the use of face-to-face meeting alternatives such as video/phone conferencing
- encourage staff, volunteers, stakeholders, partners, contractors and clients to cycle, walk or use public transport whenever possible

## Waste and Recycling

- ARC provide a litterpicking and recycling service for events where waste is hand sorted to maximise recycling and reduce items going to landfill

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the Directors. All aspects of the policy are monitored as an ongoing practice.

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