



Developing the Future

Environmental Sustainability Policy

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Introduction

The Coders Guild Ltd recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods.

Responsibility

Crispin Read, Director, is responsible for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented, however, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met.

Policy aims

The Coders Guild will endeavour to:

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- Increase employee awareness and training.

Our Commitments

Paper

We will:

- Continue to minimise all paper based business operations as standard
- Seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products.
- Reuse and recycle all paper where possible.

Energy and water

We will seek to:

- Reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible.
- Switch off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.
- Adjust heating with energy consumption in mind.
- Take energy consumption and efficiency of new products into account when purchasing them.

Office supplies

We will:

- Evaluate if the need can be met in another way.
- Evaluate if renting or sharing is an option before purchasing equipment.
- Evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- Favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible.
- Reuse and recycle everything we are able to.

Transportation

We will:

- Reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessity trips only.
- Promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
- Make additional efforts to accommodate the needs of those using public transport or bicycles.
- Favour 'green' vehicles and maintain them rigorously to ensure ongoing efficiency.

Maintenance and cleaning

We will:

- Use cleaning materials that are as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Use materials in any office refurbishment that are as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

Monitoring and improvement

We will:

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
- Increase employee awareness through training.
- Review this policy and any related business issues at monthly management meetings.

Culture

We will:

- Update this policy at least once annually in consultation with staff and other stakeholders where necessary.
- Involve staff in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.

WEEE Regulations

The Coders Guild ensures that our waste management practice is compliant with Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations and will only commission waste management companies that are accredited to ISO 14001 to manage all general, electrical and hazardous waste.

ESF Skills for Growth

This policy also applies to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) ESF Skills for Growth programme: <https://greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/work-and-skills/skills-for-growth/>

