

Environmental Policy / Statement

Glasgow Women's Library recognises that increased globalisation continues to have serious consequences and detrimental effects on global climate change and believes that individuals, organisations, agencies and institutions must have a clear focus on environmental issues to redress negative impacts.

GWL has always worked with an awareness of its environmental responsibilities and instils these values and working practices throughout its Board, staff and volunteer team. GWL is committed to minimising waste, working towards maximum energy efficiency, re-using and recycling resources.

It is GWL policy to:

- Recycle plastics, paper, glass and other appropriate materials;
- Use Fair Trade suppliers for stock;
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products;
- Encourage cycling as a Cycling Scotland 'Cycle Friendly Employer' and through the development of a Clydeside Women's Heritage Bike Ride;
- Use recycled paper and re-use stationery items such as envelopes and folders where possible, and avoid plastic;
- Use low energy light bulbs;
- Maximise opportunities for paper-free working systems and the use of technology to reduce the need to travel for meetings;
- Produce publicity materials on environmentally responsibly sourced paper;
- Distribute GWL publicity materials across Glasgow using our own 'PaperGirls' volunteer cycle couriers;
- Maximise re-use of fixtures and fittings as part of the building refurbishment project, for example flooring and panelling;
- Use vegetarian catering with a bias towards local produce and food production for GWL events;
- Encourage suppliers to follow good environmental practices and aligning purchases to organisations that can evidence this;
- Celebrate and highlight local green spaces through our activities;
- Ensure environmental issues are highlighted and the links in terms of feminism are given voice.

Further, all planned refurbishments of GWL's premises will be driven by an experienced Design Team committed to environmental considerations, with actions taken where viable within the scope of the build and the practicalities of a building that is over 100 years old.

GWL seeks to continuously develop and improve its environmental approach and has a cross organisation work forum (Green Creative Cluster) focussed on this area.