

access>CINEMA Environmental Policy

Environmental Statement

access>CINEMA recognises the need to prioritise the implementation of a sustainable plan to reduce our carbon footprint in order to address the growing climate crisis. We also recognise and embrace our role in promoting environmental sustainability as an organisation and across our network.

access>CINEMA is committed to lowering our environmental impact and to continue to review our activities in line with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (Climate Act)

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Policy aims

- To continue to minimise waste by evaluating our operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible.
- To continue to promote recycling both internally and across the network.
- To incorporate environmental concerns and impacts into our decision making, daily activities and future events.
- To promote environmental awareness among all employees, volunteers, stakeholders and Board members, and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner.
- To continue promoting the efficient use of materials and resources throughout the organisation.
- To strive to improve upon our current work practices and those of our members to minimise our environmental impact.

Policy actions

1. Company actions

- 1.1 To conduct a review of current waste management practices within the office environment in conjunction with building management to increase recycling efforts.
- 1.2 To identify areas of high energy consumption and implement directives to reduce consumption or replace current practices.
- 1.3 To continue to monitor resource consumption, i.e. paper, printer ink, office supplies, electricity, water and sundries.

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- 1.4 To incorporate eco-friendly cleaning products in general office maintenance.
- 1.5 To continue to use, and to increase efficient transport practices of all screening materials and assets to reduce our carbon footprint.
- 1.6 To improve our IT practices by using efficient storage services and reducing redundancy in email communication and storage.
- 1.7 To incorporate an environmental ethos around all our events in relation to services and suppliers used.
- 1.8 To review our Environmental policy on a regular basis and to make improvements along with legislative guidelines.

2. Employee/Member actions

- 2.1 Each member of the access>CINEMA team is expected to make a concerted effort to reduce energy consumption as far as practicable.
- 2.2 Each member of the access>CINEMA team is encouraged to continue to reduce resource consumption and to practice environmental sustainability in their day-to-do activities.
- 2.3 Where possible employees are encouraged to use environmentally sound modes of transport when travelling, commuting and attending events and off-site meetings.
- 2.4 Employees, members, stakeholders and Board members are encouraged to improve their carbon literacy by increasing their awareness of the impacts of everyday actions on climate change and their environmental footprint both locally and globally.
- 2.5 Employees are encouraged to use environmentally sustainable IT solutions to reduce the carbon footprint of email storage and spam mail.
- 2.6 Members are encouraged to develop an Environmental policy for their own organisations.
- 2.7 Members are encouraged with information and support from access>CINEMA to adopt environmentally sustainable practices and equipment at their screening events and to encourage their audiences in the same regard.
- 2.8 Employees, members, stakeholders and Board members are encouraged to identify ways in which access>CINEMA can improve its work practices to benefit the environment and reduce carbon footprint.

access>CINEMA will inform all employees, members, stakeholders and Board members that an Environmental policy is in operation and that they are obligated to comply with its requirements and promote its ethos in the workplace.

The policy will also be drawn to the attention of funding agencies and future job applicants.

Our policy will be monitored and reviewed annually to ensure that we are meeting our aims for an environmentally sustainable workplace and wider network.

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