

	<p>The CLASP Network Environmental Sustainability Policy Version: 1 Date: 26/11/2014 Review Date: Annually at AGM</p>
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Introduction

The earth's environment is under severe stress from uncontrolled human activity, threatening the survival of our society.

The CLASP Network thus accepts that it must, as part of its core activities, work to preserve the environmental sustainability of the planet, at all levels of its operations – in its own practice and as a participant in a community of educating for a sustainable future.

The CLASP Network aspires to minimise its impact on our environment and maximise the effective use of resources. We strive to achieve this by increasing communication and awareness of our efforts in accordance with this policy and fostering responsible environmental behaviour amongst staff, members, volunteers, and users at all levels.

The CLASP Network is committed not only to complying with applicable law in all of its operations but to absolutely minimising its risks and impacts through the development of robust and documented systems to implement, measure, monitor, and disseminate excellent environmental performance both within its operations and to the broader community.

Purpose

This Environmental Sustainability Policy is intended to provide a framework to bring together the different accountabilities involved in different areas of environmental responsibility, and to clarify the content of these responsibilities in each area. It aims to integrate a philosophy of sustainable development into all the organisation's activities and to establish and promote sound environmental practice in our operations.

Policy

The CLASP Network commits itself to minimising its impact on our environment through

- Providing a safe and healthful workplace;
- Creating an environmentally sustainable aware culture, where responsibility is assigned and understood;
- Being an environmentally responsible neighbour in our community;

- Conserving natural resources by reusing and recycling;
- Using, in our own operations, processes that do not adversely affect the environment;
- Ensuring the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation;
- Participating in efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding;
- Using our own professional expertise, where possible, to assist in the development of solutions to environmental problems;
- Striving to improve our environmental performance continually;
- Conducting rigorous audits, evaluations, and self-assessments of the implementation of this policy;
- Working with suppliers who promote sound environmental practices; and
- Enhancing awareness among our employees, volunteers, and users – educating and motivating them to act in an environmentally responsible manner.