



Field Studies Council Environmental Policy

Field Studies Council (FSC) is the only environmental education charity dedicated solely to providing informative and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore, be inspired by, and understand the natural environment. FSC believes that the more we know about the world around us the more we can appreciate its needs and protect its diversity and beauty for future generations.

FSC recognises the impacts of our operations and activities on the environment. We understand that this is currently of greater importance due to the threat of climate change. FSC is committed to minimising and managing our environmental impact. The FSC will promote this through our education programmes, procurement and by adopting and showcasing carbon reduction strategies, water conservation and waste management to other businesses, stakeholders and the general public.

This environmental policy supports the 'FSC Vision for 2020' to 'Ensure the Charity's activities are sustainable'. FSC was awarded the Carbon Trust Standard in 2015 and has subsequently achieved the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) accreditation.

Field Studies Council is committed to:

- Our longstanding vision of bringing "Environmental Understanding for All". This will include minimising the environmental impacts of our activities and communicating this through our teaching and education programme. This includes contributions to meteorological and biological recording societies to support the evidencing of change.
- Complying with environmental legislation in an effective and efficient manner.
- Actively working with the environment and communities within which our centres operate.
- Protecting and enhancing our estates and grounds to promote biodiversity and protection of heritage.
- Publishing our environmental objectives and performance through the FSC Annual Report and website.
- Working with suppliers and contractors, as well as using our procurement influence, to achieve sustainable outcomes and meet the environmental aims of the Field Studies Council as so far as practicable.
- Actively seeking to foster and promote environmental understanding to all internal and external stakeholders including employees, members, customers, partnership organisations and the local community.
- Continually monitoring and improving environmental aspects of our products, projects, policies and operations, with a view to managing and minimising environmental impacts and using this to educate and inform others. Using technology to reduce travel for face-to-face meetings where appropriate.
- Investing in our environmental performance infrastructure. We will prioritise maintenance and development projects that address the efficient and effective use of energy, raw materials, water and minimising waste.
- Encouraging our staff to develop local sustainable initiatives that support the Field Studies Council's commitment to carbon reduction striving towards improved business efficiency, environmental performance and responding positively to environmental change.

The Field Studies Council will continually review this policy including reflecting new regulatory developments. We will promote best practice, aiming to meet the requirements of our corporate plan and vision.