



***UK Corporate Games™***

# Environmental Policy and Action Plan:

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Lancaster 2020

## **Mission Statement**

The UK Corporate Games has been hosting multi-sport festivals in cities all over the World since 1988. In that time over 1,000,000 people have participated in the Games which has provided companies opportunities to enhance employee health and wellbeing and encourage a healthier lifestyle. Our large-scale events attract competitors from all over the country and as such the UK Corporate Games shares a responsibility to reduce the impact the Games have on the environment. We aim to regularly review our Environmental Policy and Action Plan and seek to reduce our impact by implementing the below plan.

## **Implementation**

Protecting the Earth's natural resources and sustained health of our planet is more of a priority than ever before. Our Environmental Policy and Action Plan is a statement of our commitment to reduce the impact our events have on the environment. We will work with our staff, participants, coordinators, venues and host cities to ensure we consider and communicate the environmental impacts of our activities and policies in place to reduce this where possible. We will update our action plan annually to reflect the type of event we host and the unique factors we must consider in each location to provide a tailored approach to reducing our environmental impact.

## **Our Commitments**

- The consideration of our environmental impacts will be a standing item at meetings concerning office and Corporate Games event operations
- We will host this policy and action plan on our website and keep it updated
- We will undertake environmental and ethical considerations when choosing supplies and services such as office equipment and furnishings including low energy bulbs
- We will work with suppliers and contractors to reduce the environmental impact of printed promotional materials for our events

- We will aim to reduce the impacts of business travel and staff commuting: avoiding travel where possible e.g. using Skype and teleconferences, encouraging the use of zero or low carbon travel modes including journey sharing where possible

## **Our Impacts – Events**

We recognise that our events have the potential to have a far bigger impact on the environment than our office activities.

Due to the nature of the events that the Corporate Games organise and manage, which span across rural and urban areas which require the need for participants to travel from locations all over the country, a single set of actions for all is unlikely to work.

We therefore set the following goals to aim to reduce our environmental impact:

- Endeavour to minimise landfill waste and recycle where possible
- Encourage staff and participants to use low-carbon modes of transport
- Use energy as efficiently as possible

Particular efforts have been made to address our environmental impact in our recent and upcoming events. These include:

- Offering companies the use of our sponsored travel providers to use coach travel to and from the Games events and venues
- Limiting our use of plastic to encourage the use of reusable and refillable water vessels
- Providing water refill stations will limit the requirement for single use plastic water bottles
- Encouraging the use of Lancaster's excellent public transport links to and from venues by providing links to public transport on our website

## Environmental Action Plan

Action	How	Responsibility
To source coordinators and equipment from local suppliers where possible	By utilising local contacts to ensure we are recruiting people and equipment from the local area.	Sport Director
To reduce unnecessary energy usage	Minimise the use of generators and supply energy from renewable sources where possible.	Operations Team
To reduce the impact of participant travel	Offering the use of our travel sponsor to encourage group travel through coaches. Make participants aware of the public transport links through website and newsletter. Encourage participants not to drive from venue to venue but utilise public transport and travel sponsor.	Communications Director
To reduce waste production	Reuse materials and sport equipment where possible.	Sport Director and Operations Team
To reduce single use plastic	Encouraging the use of reusable water bottles and water filling stations at events.	Sport Director and Operations Team
To reduce water usage	Water filling stations at events which will limit water consumption as athletes will be encouraged to consume only what they need.	Sport Director and Operations Team
To minimise paper usage	By printing thoughtfully, double-sided, reusing paper, using recycled paper and increasing the use of electronic filing.	All Staff
To reduce the impact of mobile usage	Using landlines when in the office	All Staff