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## A Sample Environmental Policy

National Association for Voluntary and Community Action  
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Sustainable development policy

At NAVCA we recognise that all our activities have environmental impacts. Our organisation has a role to play in protecting the environment and can make a difference. NAVCA trustees, staff and volunteers will consider the effects of all our activities on the national and global environment. We will develop practical initiatives to realise the policy.

It is our intention to:

1. Comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and with other requirements and standards to which we subscribe.
2. Set ourselves targets, with accompanying procedures, which address those aspects of our activities, products and services that have significant environmental impacts, and that we can influence. Our main objectives are to continue to minimise:
  - § our waste and pollution
  - § our use of non-renewable energy
  - § the need to travel, or, if travelling, to use the least polluting form of transport appropriate to each journey
  - § our use of supplied water, and
  - § take into account the environmental and social impacts of NAVCA's purchases, with cost not being the only consideration
3. To work in partnership with others, including members of the Community Sector Coalition and Defra, in supporting NAVCA members' work on sustainable development.

Review the policy at least every 3 years, and report back on progress annually.

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