



Sustainable Development Policy Statement

The Trustees of the Museum, the Director-General and the Senior Management Team are committed to reducing the impact of the organisation's operations on the environment and reducing its carbon footprint.

It will do so in a way that supports the United Kingdom's commitment to sustainable development and reducing the effects of climate change. This statement will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary.

The Museum will strive to continually improve its environmental performance by:

- Meeting all relevant current and foreseen statutory regulations and official codes of practice, using passive low energy and low carbon systems wherever practicable.
- Achieving the sustainable development targets set by Government policy.
- Conserving energy, water, paper, and other resources - particularly those which are scarce or non-renewable.
- Reducing waste through re-use and recycling, and by using reconditioned and recycled products and materials where such alternatives are available.
- Phasing out ozone depleting substances and minimising the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds, vehicle emissions and other substances damaging to health and the environment.
- Monitoring discharges and emissions to air, land, and water and assessing the actions necessary to reduce pollution or the risk of pollution.
- Guiding and motivating staff, through education and training, to work in an environmentally responsible manner and to play a full part in developing new ideas and initiatives.
- Creating a visitor experience that minimises the museums impact on the environment.
- Expect users and stakeholders to take responsible action in terms of environmentally sustainable best practice.
- Requiring partners and subcontractors to meet best practise as a condition of working with them.
- Effectively communicating to visitors and users the environmental policy framework that operates at the Museum and demonstrating the efforts taken to minimise its impact on the environment.
- Communicating environmental policies and best practice to all staff, partners and contractors, and co-operating with others in the public and private sectors to develop and promote environmentally sound practices.
- Operating in a responsible and co-operative manner with local communities.
- Actively seeking ways to reduce carbon emissions in all that we do – including the introduction of measurable targets for reduction.

To demonstrate our commitment to sustainable development the Museum's *Annual Report* and website will include details of environmental performance.

As Director-General I will ensure that the Imperial War Museum takes the appropriate actions to achieve these aims and thereby contributes to the well-being of the environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Diane Lees'.

Diane Lees, Director-General April 2021