



Sustainability Policy

South Presentation Centre CLG (SPC CLG) is the registered company name of Nano Nagle Place.

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Principles:

- Complying with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations.
- Assessing the environmental impacts of our operations, seeking to reduce these impacts and improving our resource efficiency through reduction of energy, water use and waste/
- Promoting environmental and energy awareness in our employees through participation and training.
- Monitoring our progress to ensure on-going improvements in our environmental performance.
- Making clients and suppliers aware of our sustainability policy and encouraging them to adopt sound sustainable management practices.
- Ensuring that sustainable tourism is tourism that takes full account of its current and future economic, social, and environmental impacts while addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment, and host communities (UNWTO, n.d.). We therefore aim to reduce our negative effects and increase our positive impacts.
- Caring sustainably for this sacred place and welcome the local community, along with national and international visitors to this oasis of beauty, history, ecology, reflection and spirituality, the home of the Presentation Sisters.

Commitments:

Energy Consumption:

- Making Nano Nagle Place a case study for understanding thermal efficiency in historic structures, informed particularly by research carried out by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings on solid masonry. It will be our policy to investigate and share our findings in this area.
- Optimising and promoting energy efficiency and conservation in all operations, where possible.
- Understanding energy consumption at Nano Nagle Place by commissioning regular energy audits to look at how we can make the building more energy efficient and seeking to balance energy efficiency with our conservation requirements.
- Keep energy usage low; ensure that all lights and electrical items are switched off when not in use and employees are leaving the office.
- Newly appointed Green Team will as part of their quarterly review meetings, review energy consumption as part of monitoring of energy bills.

Waste Production:

- Actively promoting reduce, reuse, and recycle both internally and amongst our visitors, volunteers, and suppliers.
- Aiming to increase our recycling rates by 20% by end 2025.
- Minimising waste generation by applying reuse and recycle options where possible.

- Minimising waste generation and unnecessary resource usage during the stages of planning, design, and operation of new and existing business activities.
- Using FSC paper and commit to reduce our printing.
- Measuring our waste production and sending our recovered waste to an incinerator, to produce electricity.
- Undertaking staff training to make them aware of waste separation and recycling.
- Working towards implementing a 'zero single-use plastic' policy by end 2025.
- Continue to participate in the 2GoCup Campaign.
- Committed to reducing single-use plastic by 20% by end 2025.
- Communicating our policy and practice to staff, visitors and participants.

Water:

- Aiming to reduce our water usage and measure our water monthly.
- Minimising water usage from showers and taps. Measure and review our consumption monthly and aim to reduce the consumption by 10% by end 2025.

Procurement:

- Ensuring environmental practices are included in our assessment of suppliers and contractors and that their performance in this area forms part of the selection criteria utilised.
- Purchasing products and services within 50km of our business, where feasible.
- Encouraging suppliers and contractors to implement sustainable environmental systems.
- Using materials, fittings, and furnishings from sustainable sources where feasible.
- Seeking to eliminate single-use plastic, purchase only organic cotton, and reduce air freight in our supply chains by 20% by end 2025.
- Purchasing only FSC paper and cardboard products.
- Using a range of sustainable, pH-neutral cleaning products.
- As far as possible arrange for the re-use or recycling of office equipment by purchasing energy-efficient equipment and promoting good housekeeping practices.

Environmentally Friendly Cleaning:

- Minimising the use of hazardous chemicals and solvents and instructing agents acting on behalf to do the same.
- Aiming to utilise green cleaning practices as opposed to traditional cleaning methods.

Social Responsibility:

- We are aware that tourism activities can have a negative impact on local communities. Nano Nagle Place is committed to harnessing the income generated by tourism to care for this special place. Partially supported through our business activities, we house and support community projects that make a difference to marginalised and disadvantaged people in Cork City and County. These projects are The Lantern Community Project and Cork Migrant Centre.

Sustainable Marketing Practices:

- We are committed to honestly communicating where we are on our journey and our improvements, while also using this journey as a way of heightening public awareness of the climate emergency.
- We are aware of the risk of greenwashing, and we therefore commit to honestly communicating our achievements towards our sustainability goals.

Exhibition/Programming /Events Sustainability:

- To reduce our waste in the creation of future exhibitions, we commit to continue to safeguard ecological sustainability in the creation and tear-down of current and future exhibitions.
- We commit to minimise material use and reduce waste through the process of commissioning exhibitions.
- We reuse our display stands, rewrapping them annually with new exhibition content.
- We will incorporate a virtual environment by having online features that will aid in less printing.

Supporting Biodiversity:

- Support and conserve the Irish biodiversity by gardening predominantly organically. Nano Nagle Place is ecologically beneficial to many communities by providing diverse habitats.
- Enhancing biodiversity and providing stability to local ecosystem services in our part of the city is inherent to our gardening practices on the campus.
- We select plants and flowers that are both pollinator friendly and that provide long flowering ranges throughout the mild Cork seasons. We have incorporated perennial plants, native woodland grasses, and wildflowers and maintained uncut areas to encourage solitary bees, moths butterflies, and insects.
- Installed bat boxes, bug hotels, and bird boxes.
- Plants are propagated and grown in our polytunnel from seeds saved from the gardens and cuttings.
- Gardening with the seasons naturally provides opportunities for species to feed and strengthen their communities and our local inner-city ecosystem.
- In our commitment to sustainability and waste reduction, we manage all of our green waste on-site, significantly minimizing landfill contributions. The compost we produce is returned to our flower beds, enriching our green spaces and fostering a sustainable cycle of growth and renewal. This practice not only supports our environmental goals but also enhances the beauty and health of our gardens.

Continuous Improvement:

We believe sustainability is an ongoing journey, not just a destination. We're committed to continuous improvement, increasing positive environmental and social impacts every step of the way.

Resolutions

To put these principles and commitments into practice we resolve to:

- Establish a Green Team.
- Use concentrates and reusable microfiber cloths wherever possible within Nano Nagle Place thus ensuring less plastic usage and less waste being generated overall.
- Minimise our use of paper and other office consumables, for example by double-siding all printing avoiding the use of colour printing where appropriate and identifying opportunities to reduce waste.