



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: OUR COMMITMENTS

At Awen, we recognise our responsibility to reduce our carbon and environmental footprints.

We are committed to being an environmentally responsible and aware charity.



WELSH GOVERNMENT DECLARED A CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN 2019.

“Addressing the climate and ecological emergency is the most significant challenge for our generation.”

WELSH GOVERNMENT, 2022

Welsh Government has ambitions for the “public sector to collectively reach net zero by 2030”.

Awen will work with its local authority partners across South Wales to support their delivery of their net zero carbon strategies and action plans.

SINCE 2015, WE HAVE:



- ✓ Invested in solar panels and removed inefficient appliances.
- ✓ Replaced traditional lighting with LEDs.
- ✓ Insulated our buildings, where possible.
- ✓ Installed sensor taps to reduce waste water.
- ✓ Developed partnerships with local food and drink suppliers.
- ✓ Raised awareness about energy conservation with staff.
- ✓ Planted trees at Bryngarw to support biodiversity.
- ✓ Signed up to the Green Growth Pledge.

BY JANUARY 2024, WE WILL:

- Develop plans to prioritise renewables and energy and water efficiency in our buildings.
- Measure our carbon emissions.
- Use more local suppliers.
- Reduce waste sent to landfill.
- Provide opportunities for local community groups to learn new skills.
- Publish environmental policies and action plans on our website.

We will constantly look for ways to improve how we manage our buildings and activities, to increase efficiencies, minimise our carbon footprint and to actively promote our environmentally friendly policies and projects to encourage everyone to ‘think and behave green’.



NET ZERO IMPACT ON CARBON



The balancing of carbon emissions against carbon removals and/or carbon offsetting with the net result being zero.

WELSH GOVERNMENT, 2022

NET BENEFITS FOR BIODIVERSITY



The Environment (Wales) Act requires all public bodies to “maintain and enhance biodiversity” and “promote the resilience of ecosystems” including:

- WATER EFFICIENCY
- ZERO WASTE BY 2050
- ENHANCING GREEN SPACES

DELIVERING NET ZERO ON CARBON AND NET BENEFITS FOR BIODIVERSITY



- Reducing our energy consumption and generate our own renewable energy.



- Minimise use of transport and pursue low-carbon solutions such as electric vehicles.



- Adopting waste reduction and recycling schemes, including removing single-use plastics.



- Serving local and seasonal produce to minimise food miles.



- Developing the Bryngarw site with sustainability, biodiversity and the environment at its heart.



- Demonstrating leadership in promoting environmental awareness practices with staff.

AWEN IS COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS IT HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION.

WE WILL GO FURTHER BY AIMING TO PURSUE ACTIONS THAT WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

We have set specific objectives to help us monitor progress towards Awen’s organisational aim of being ‘a responsible and sustainable business’.

These will also help us align our environmental actions with those of our key stakeholders such as partner local authorities, Welsh Government and the Arts Council of Wales.

