

Environmental Policy

Timespan adheres to highest environmental standards. Our building is equipped with a wood fuel boiler and solar panels to minimise our environmental impact.

Timespan is aware that it is important to reduce the heavy utility costs of lighting up the museums in between visits by the public. The museum uses a passive infrared switch to reduce overheads, provide better access and flexibility of operation for staff. The use of low energy bulbs has been installed where appropriate and an evaluation of spotlight position has recently reduced the number required throughout the museum. Under-floor heating and increased insulation in wall during the last redevelopment has helped to reduce heating costs in the museum areas.

Every member of staff, volunteer and participant is responsible for the ecological aspects of the organisation in order to minimise our potential impact on the environment.

This includes

- integrating the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making and activities
- promoting environmental awareness among others and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner
- reducing waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available; that means
 - print cartridges are always recycled
 - where appropriate environmentally friendly paper is used
 - separate bins are kept for paper and non-recyclable materials
 - plastic, glass bottles, cans and carton is being recycled in designated facilities,
 - a compost facility is kept in the garden
 - all chemical hazardous materials are recycled in designated council facilities
- promoting efficient use of materials and resources including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable, i.e.
 - lights and heaters should be switched off when leaving the workspace
 - used paper is being recycled for draft documents
 - where possible washable cutlery and crockery is used. If this is impossible for safety or quantity reasons, we use cups, plates, cutlery, etc from recycled materials,
 - all cleaning materials are sourced from environmentally friendly materials
 - the printer settings are always set to draft print and b/w only; this is only being changed for important documents of external use
 - at night time all electrical goods are switched off completely to avoid stand-by currents
- avoiding unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, and taking all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of.
- purchase and use environmentally responsible products accordingly, including
 - cleaning products
 - food and drinks are where possible sourced from local sources
- communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it
- strive to continually improve our environmental performance and minimise the social impact and damage of activities by annually reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities.