



B Sharp Environmental Statement

Statement of Intent

B Sharp's vision is that all children and young people have the opportunity to explore and develop their music skills and experience, increase their confidence and be valued for their contribution both as individuals and to wider society.

Through providing regular top quality music-making opportunities, B Sharp's mission is to bring out the strengths in young people irrespective of their musical ability by supporting and inspiring, building confidence, increasing self-esteem and promoting a sense of being part of something positive.

Within this, and guided by our core values, we recognise that we have an ethical, moral and legal responsibility to safeguard the environment through our practices and activities. We are committed to monitoring and reducing our environmental impact, and B Sharp formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity.

To take this forward it commits to the following actions:

1. B Sharp mandates the CEO/Artistic Director to take responsibility for taking forward and implementing this commitment. They are also requested to report annually on progress made to B Sharp's Trustees, including information on B Sharp annual energy carbon footprint, electricity, transport fuel, paper consumption, % waste recycled and any other relevant environmental criteria.
2. B Sharp will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.
3. All B Sharp employees and sub-contractors will be expected to consider environmental considerations in their areas of work, and this requirement will be included in their contracts.
4. B Sharp will develop and maintain a sustainable transport policy for their staff, seeking to reduce unnecessary travel and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible and will monitor progress annually.
5. B Sharp will examine potential supplier environmental performance, and this will be used as criteria for supplier selection.

Monitoring and Assessment

B Sharp's Trustees will monitor the implementation of the policy and report on progress annually to the charity's stakeholders as part of our year-end report.

Statement Review

B Sharp's Environmental Statement will be reviewed:

- at least annually
- whenever there are significant changes to the organisation or our work
- when we carry out new activities with different impacts
- if environmental or social factors necessitate a change in business practices
- whenever there are changes to legislation in this area

Next review date: November 2021

