



National Youth  
Orchestra of Ireland  
*Ceolfhoireann Náisiúnta  
Óige na hÉireann*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The National Youth Orchestras of Ireland aims to follow best practice and operate in a sustainable manner with a particular focus on our Digital Footprint, Waste & Emissions. Our policy, outlining our commitment to reducing our environmental impact and improving our environmental performances, is as follows.

In order to **reduce our Digital Footprint**, we will:

- Purchase repairable devices and strive to repair equipment when possible, and correctly dispose of old devices.
- Monitor the charging of devices, avoiding wireless charges when possible.
- Monitor email space by emptying relevant folders frequently.
- Communicate materials via email with the use of links to online files instead of attached documents.
- Dispose of old data, and review and clean files and applications regularly.
- Opt for efficient hosting platforms for meetings when possible (Zoom & Google).
- Monitor the carbon rating of our website.

In order to **reduce waste**, we will:

- Reuse and recycle, separating paper, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, food tins, drink cans, and food. Recycling bins are in place in the NYOI office and distributed in our residential courses, clearly labelled for members, staff and visitors. Individual waste bins are eliminated as much as possible in order to prompt recycling.
- Print less by instead opting to use devices such as laptops or tablets wherever possible. This includes all Board papers and the distribution of the NYOI parts across members and staff.
- Purchase materials from sustainable suppliers and resources.
- Encourage our audiences to recycle printed material by including a message on our programmes.

In order to **reduce emissions**, we will:

- Use public transport when feasible for all domestic travel, eliminating domestic flights for our staff and guests.
- Reimburse our staff and guests an equivalent amount to taking public transport.
- Conduct all meetings in hybrid form reducing emissions associated with travelling to meetings in-person.
- Highlight public transport details to our events in concert listings and websites.

The NYOI commits to review and update its policy annually.