

Our commitment to environmental and social responsibility

Introduction

The Gem & Mineral Shows UK Ltd is committed to reducing the environmental impact of our exhibitions and ensuring our operations are socially responsible. We recognise the importance of sustainability and strive to promote environmental stewardship in the events we host across the UK. This policy outlines our commitment to sustainability and the actions we will take to achieve continuous improvement in this area.

Our Commitment

We are dedicated to the following sustainability principles:

- **Environmental Responsibility:** Minimising waste, reducing carbon emissions, conserving resources, and promoting eco-friendly practices.
- **Social Responsibility:** Engaging with our stakeholders, supporting local communities, and ensuring fair, inclusive, and ethical practices.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Reviewing and improving our practices to enhance sustainability year-on-year.

Key Focus Areas

Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction

- Prioritise venues that employ renewable energy sources and have energy-efficient infrastructure.
- Minimise energy consumption by utilising LED lighting and energy-efficient equipment during events where possible.
- Explore options for carbon-neutral or low-carbon travel for staff, exhibitors, and attendees.
- Encourage exhibitors and suppliers to adopt carbon reduction practices.

Waste Management and Reduction

- Implement a “reduce, reuse, recycle” policy across all events.
- Work with venues to ensure recycling facilities are available and clearly signposted.
- Encourage the use of reusable or recyclable materials for exhibitions, including stands, signage, and packaging.
- Eliminate single-use plastics wherever possible, offering sustainable alternatives.

- **Sustainable Materials and Sourcing**

- Source eco-friendly, recycled, or certified sustainable materials for promotional items, signage, and packaging where appropriate.
- Partner with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability.
- Prioritise ethical sourcing practices, especially concerning gem and mineral products.

- **Water Conservation**

- Promote the reduction of water usage during events by selecting venues that have efficient water systems.
- Discourage the use of bottled water by providing access to refill stations where possible.

- **Transportation and Logistics**

- Encourage exhibitors and visitors to use public transport, carpooling, or low-emission vehicles.
- Schedule events at locations easily accessible via public transport.
- Minimise transport emissions by working with local suppliers and reducing unnecessary freight.

- **Engagement and Awareness**

- Communicate sustainability goals and practices to exhibitors, visitors, and partners.
- Provide guidance on how participants can contribute to sustainable practices during the events.
- Regularly review feedback and ideas from stakeholders to improve sustainability efforts.

- **Biodiversity and Environmental Protection**

- Consider the environmental impact of event locations and ensure no harm to local ecosystems.
- Support initiatives that protect biodiversity and promote responsible collection and trade of minerals.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and effective. Any updates will reflect new sustainability practices, technologies, and stakeholder expectations.

The Gem & Mineral Shows UK Ltd aims to lead by example in promoting sustainable practices within the exhibitions industry. By working together, we can ensure a positive impact on the environment, the community, and the future of our industry.

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