



Barbican and Community Libraries Green Libraries Strategy

Our strategy is underpinned by CILIP's (Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals) Green Library Manifesto [Green Libraries Manifesto - CILIP: the library and information association](#) and as a library service we are signed up to their manifesto. We are using CILIP's manifesto principles as the cornerstone of our own strategy.

This also ties in with the City of London's Climate Strategy 2020-27

Our Strategy

Ensure environmental sustainability is at the heart of all of our decision making

Embed environmental thinking in all we do, publicly acknowledge this, work in line with local and national targets and plans, learn from others and share best practice.

Be innovative and develop our services

Work to use environmental practice across all of our library functions and services, and work together to develop new positive environmental practices.

Work with our communities

Learn from, support and work with local green initiatives and projects, we will be a hub for learning and discussing environmental issues and will endeavour to reach our whole community with this message.

Use our unique position in the community to spread the word

As a trusted provider of information, we will use this to inform and educate our communities about environmental best practice and initiatives.

Work in partnership

We will form partnerships with other environmentally aware organisations across our communities and use our library spaces to encourage these groups to meet and host events.

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Expand and share our knowledge

We will always continue to expand our knowledge and share this knowledge with our colleagues and communities. We will also encourage staff training and professional development that empowers our staff to meet and exceed our environmental strategy.

Support young people

We will support, inform and educate children and young people on environmental issues, support them to be voices of the future as well as ensuring their voices are heard now.

Specific Aims & Targets

Source and implement the use of biodegradable / sustainable membership cards when the current supply of plastic cards are exhausted.

Work towards paperless working i.e membership leaflets, printing out agendas / minutes, asking 'do you need to print'.

Turning off electricals / lights at night including all computers and self-service machines.

Imbed recycling into all we do, are we recycling all that we can at our libraries i.e. can we recycle food waste, Makerspace waste?

Providing recycling opportunities for our customers / residents.

Have a programme of events / talks across our libraries to support green initiatives i.e. gardening activities, craft & nature activities i.e. bee and bug boxes, repair workshops for both adults and children.

Work with community groups i.e. Spitalfields Farm, City Gardens, Food Pantry, Green Doctors, Aldgate Connect.

Put together a green spaces map.

Work with City Sprint to deliver our daily library deliveries by pedal cycle.

Badge relevant events and activities with the 'Green Libraries Partnership' logo so they are instantly recognisable.

When discarding stock, we seek to sell these items to customers or to a socially & environmentally responsible book purchaser such as Better World Books.

Ensure single use plastics are not being used i.e. ensure private views / events do not use disposable plastic cups/plates.

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