



Abberton Rural Training (ART)

Policies & Procedures

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Title: **Environmental Policy**

1. Purpose

ART's mission is "to provide local communities with the skills, resources and expertise necessary to achieve a thriving and sustainable future." We recognise that we have a key role to play in influencing and encouraging rural communities to minimise the environmental impact of their activities. But we also have an obligation to lead by example in this area. This policy outlines the general principles we will adopt so as to minimise the environmental impact both of our own operations and also those of the customers that we serve.

2. General Principles

We are committed to:

1. Meeting or exceeding the requirements of applicable environmental laws and regulations.
2. Continually seeking to improve our environmental performance to achieve best practice standards.
3. Adopting (and documenting) methodologies (i) to minimise wasteful use of energy and materials, (ii) to reuse materials and (iii) to recycle as much as possible of the rest of our waste.
4. Purchasing non-polluting and energy efficient products and disposing of said products responsibly.
5. Assessing the environmental impact of likely future operations.
6. Providing appropriate information, instruction and training to all staff to ensure that this policy and the environmental requirements within it are understood and applied throughout the organisation.
7. Communicating this policy to our customers and suppliers.
8. Disseminating good environmental practice through our existing training sessions, events, newsletters, e-bulletins and promotional materials.
9. Developing ideas for and promoting projects that will have a positive environmental impact.
10. Regularly reviewing this policy, and inviting suggestions for improvement from employees, customers and stakeholders.

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