



Sustainability Policy

Introduction

At Big Noise Chorus, we recognise the importance of sustainability and the choirs' impact on the environment and society. We are committed to operating in a sustainable way and to contributing to a greener and more environmentally friendly society. This policy outlines our commitment to sustainability and sets out the guidelines and practices that we will follow to achieve our goals.

1. Environmental Responsibility:

1.1 **Energy Conservation:** We will strive to minimize our energy consumption by using energy-efficient equipment and appliances, turning off lights and electrical devices when not in use, and encouraging members to car share or use public transportation for rehearsals and performances.

1.2 **Waste Reduction:** We will promote waste reduction by encouraging members to bring reusable water bottles and mugs, encouraging the use of recycling bins at rehearsal venues, and minimizing paper usage through digital communication and online resources.

1.3 **Sustainable Purchasing:** Whenever feasible, we will prioritize the purchase of environmentally friendly and ethically sourced products and materials, such as recycled paper, energy-efficient light bulbs, and biodegradable or compostable products.

1.4 **Carbon Footprint:** We will regularly consider our carbon footprint, seeking ways to reduce it through, energy-efficient practices, and encouraging members to adopt sustainable habits.

2. Cultural Responsibility:

2.1 **Community Engagement:** We will actively engage with our local community and participate in events and initiatives that promote social, cultural, and environmental sustainability.

2.2 **Inclusion and Diversity:** We are committed to embracing and celebrating diversity within our choir. We will create a welcoming environment that respects and values all members, regardless of their background, ethnicity, gender identity, or physical abilities.

2.3 **Partnership with Local Organisations:** We will seek partnerships with local sustainability-focused organizations to collaborate on projects, share resources, and contribute positively to our community's sustainability goals.

3. Education and Awareness:

3.1 **Communication and Education:** We will identify champions for each choir who will understand our sustainability policy and be available to explain it to choir members to help increase awareness of sustainability issues and encourage sustainable practices within and outside the choir.

3.2 **Internal Communication:** We will establish regular communication channels to keep members informed about our sustainability initiatives, progress, and upcoming events. This includes utilizing digital platforms and promoting paperless communication whenever possible.

3.3 **Public Communication:** We will actively communicate our approach to sustainability to the public through our website, social media platforms, and local media outlets, fostering awareness and inspiring others to take action.

4. Continuous Improvement:

4.1 **Monitoring and Evaluation:** We will regularly assess our sustainability performance, set measurable targets, and review progress towards achieving them. Feedback from members, community partners, and stakeholders will be considered in improving our sustainability practices.

4.2 **Regular Policy Review:** This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness, taking into account changes in legislation, technological advancements, and community needs.

4.3 **Transparency:** We will maintain transparency and accountability by making our sustainability policy readily available to members, stakeholders, and the public. We will also report on our progress regularly and share our achievements, challenges, and future goals.

By adopting this sustainability policy, Big Noise Chorus demonstrates our commitment to reducing our environmental impact, promoting social responsibility, and preserving our planet for future generations. Together, we can create harmonious music while harmonizing with the principles of sustainability.