



LARCH HILL

**INTERNATIONAL
SCOUT & GUIDE CENTRE**

Larch Hill Environmental Policy

Vision

Larch Hill International Scout Centre will take a leading role in the development towards a more environmentally sustainable society. This will be done by ensuring a minimisation of the environmental impact, a high training standard of the staff on environmental issues and an active promotion of both Environmental Activities and environmental awareness to guests.

Larch Hill shall at least comply with local and global legislations and recommendations and make every effort to accomplish the points below; following a combination of what is technically possible, economically viable and ecologically motivated.

Staff & Guests

Provide all staff with sufficient training to have a good environmental knowledge and to make environmentally sound decisions

Strongly encourage all travel to and while in Larch Hill to be done in a way that minimizes the environmental impact

Encourage guests to participate in Environmental Activities

Educate guests by raising awareness of local and global environmental issues

Encourage and educate guests and staff to take action for a better environment

Property & Grounds

Use renewable energy whenever possible

Monitor, minimize and efficiently use water, electricity, oil, petrol and diesel

Minimize the production of waste through the method of Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle

Maintain or expand the natural biodiversity of the grounds

Perform an Environmental Impact Assessment before any major change is done to the property

Suppliers & Products

Keep consumption of products in line with guest numbers

Have clear guidelines to ensure the environmental outcome from production, use and disposal is considered when new products are bought

Give priority to products and companies with clear acknowledged environmental profiles, certificates or labels and/or locally produced products

Promote environmental best practice from business partners and encourage a shared responsibility for the local environment

Actions to ensure progress

Together with this policy the centre will have a clarifying document, an Action Plan and a Current Situation Analysis. The Current Situation Analysis is to be reviewed annually while the Action Plan has goals that are specific in time, but should be updated to keep in line with the Current

Situation Analysis findings. The policy and all related documents shall be reviewed and updated according to new findings after 2 years.



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- Electricity: Switch off lights and other electrical appliances when not in use
- Water: Reduce the amount of water used by turning off taps when brushing your teeth and using the half flush/dual flush on toilets
- Recycling: Think carefully about how much rubbish you produce and recycle as much as possible

Recycling

Recycling is very important as the cost of general rubbish is very expensive. It costs €25.00 for one large rubbish bin to be emptied; this is why the Larch Hill International Scout Centre recycles as much as possible

Separate recycling bins are available for:

- ✓ Paper and cardboard
- ✓ Food tins and cans
- ✓ Glass
- ✓ PET bottles

Please wash all containers and flatten before placing them in the correct recycle bin

What we do in Larch Hill?

- ✓ We fix old equipment so that we can reuse it and not have to buy new stuff.
- ✓ We recycle as much as possible.
- ✓ We have colour coded bins in the hostels and campsite
- ✓ All our staff is trained in the importance of recycling.

What can you do at home?

- ✓ Recycle everything while you are here.
- ✓ Before you buy something think what will happen to it when you are finished with it.
- ✓ Reuse things, like plastic bottles and use a lunchbox instead of bags.
- ✓ When you go home find out about recycling in your area.

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Not Enough Water!

Of all the water in the world:

- ✓ 97% is salty
- ✓ 2% is fresh, but only...
- ✓ 1% of this fresh water is available for human use
- ✓ The remaining fresh water is frozen in glaciers, polar ice caps and deep within the earth beyond or reach

To put it another way, if 100 litres represents the entire worlds water, about half a tablespoon of it is fresh water available for our use

Some serious facts

- ✓ Brushing teeth (with the tap running) 5 litres
- ✓ Washing hands (with the tap running) 5 litres
- ✓ Leaving a tap running of full blast can use 20 – 40 litres a minute
- ✓ Dripping taps waste more than 200 litres of fresh water each day
- ✓ Having a 10 minute shower uses over 300 litres

How can you help save water?

- ✓ Please turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- ✓ Having shorter showers – its all you need
- ✓ Only use the washing machine or dishwasher with a full load
- ✓ Repair dripping taps or broken pipes
- ✓ Think carefully when using water – conserve this precious resource