



Climate emergency charter

As a public body, we will lead by example in promoting our work on the climate crisis. Bòrd na Gàidhlig recognises the climate crisis and we are developing a climate emergency charter. We also pursue the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). In the following recommendations, in addition to our environmental policies, we are publishing a climate emergency charter for the organisation to clarify our aspirations regarding the Bòrd na Gàidhlig team and how we work with external partners.

1. Following the seventeen sustainability goals as set out in the National Performance Framework. <https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/sustainable-development-goals>. We are closely following the aims of the National Performance Framework in our work.

2. Recognising the climate crisis in policies.

At Bòrd na Gàidhlig we will take the environment into account in the policies we create. This includes minor and internal policies.

3. Aiming to be carbon neutral.

As stated in our policies, in the past year we have been aiming to be carbon neutral in everything we do. This includes when we have returned to work in offices.

4. Wherever possible, we encourage the most environmentally friendly travel and avoid travel where we can.

Our work covers the whole of Scotland but where reasonable we will use the most environmentally friendly modes of transport. This is also reflected in our travel policy.

5. Adhering to the latest best practice in relation to Scotland's environmental goals and adapting our approaches where appropriate.

We work closely with other public bodies to pursue sustainable policies in Scotland and if working methods improve, we will change them.

6. We will be mindful of the environment in everything we do.

In our work to promote Gaelic throughout Scotland, we will have an awareness of the climate crisis and encourage the organisations we work with and fund to be similarly aware.

7. We will use sustainable procurement.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will primarily use Public Contracts Scotland for procurement. Our procurement process will follow the Government's plan. <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/sustainable-procurement-duty/>.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will use sustainable provision at the highest level. We will be aware of sustainability risks and opportunities when accepting any bids.

8. We will create an environmental team within a year.

We will create an in-house environmental team meeting three times a year to build on our sustainable systems.

9. We will create an emergency climate plan within a year.

Together with the environment team and working closely with other organisations, we will formulate an emergency climate plan.