Making a Climate Action Plan for a Charity

These basic instructions provide a way for your organisation to evaluate its current environmental performance and improve this performance in the future.

1. Start discussing sustainability within your organisation to find out what the opinion and capability to do better is.
2. Perform a sustainability audit using the identified themes from your discussions to analyse the charities impact on the local community but wider environment too.
3. Use this analysis to find where improvements could be made to enhance the organisation’s performance towards the environment, sustainability, and the community.
4. Set objectives, targets, and deadlines for when and how the decided improvements will be reached - this will form the CAP.
5. Lastly set up key progress indicators to monitor the organisation’s progress to meeting these targets and appoint someone to oversee the CAP.

A good audit will include the following areas:

1. Scope 1 Emissions - Direct and Vehicular emissions
2. Scope 2 Emissions - Energy (including lighting, heating, appliances)
3. Scope 3 Emissions - Water - Waste - Resources
4. Sustainability and Management Systems

Areas commonly needing improvement in the third sector:

- Consider your organisation daily activities and where actions or practices could be improved
- Think of short, mid, and long term goals
- Or if your organisation is made up of lots of areas a few overall goals and then individual activities to reach those goals
- Think of how these initiatives could be passed on to the wider community of similar charities to yours

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