

#### STREETGAMES' ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY



Healthier, Safer, More Successful Communities Through Sport



To transform the lives of young people living in low-income, underserved communities through sport & physical activity



Changing Sport,
Strengthening Communities,
Transforming Lives

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AT STREETGAMES**

StreetGames is a passionate supporter of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals – the 17 global targets aimed at eradicating poverty through greater healthcare, reduced inequality, better education, economic growth, and action on climate change.

Our 'Day Job', alongside our partners and funders, contributes directly to delivery of many of these Goals. We exist to bridge the sporting inequality gap for young people from low-income, underserved communities through the medium of Doorstep Sport. Doorstep Sport is:

- Our evidence-based delivery approach
- Traditional sports often played in non-traditional settings
- Chosen and delivered locally with and for young people
- Underpinned by the 5 rights: Sport delivered at the right time, the right place, in the right style, by the right people and at the right price

We are committed to growing the reach and impact of Doorstep Sport in more places with more young people. Our new strategy – titled Active for Today and Tomorrow – offers a tenyear vision for the charity's future, putting the needs of young people at the heart and focused on the expansion of StreetGames' Doorstep Sport approach across the country.

The climate crisis is one of the biggest threats the world is facing at the moment. We acknowledge the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural eco-systems.

We recognise that our activities have an impact on the environment and that therefore we have a responsibility, as both an employer and a deliverer, to reduce our carbon and environmental footprints.

Whilst we believe that Doorstep Sport when delivered hyper-locally is an inherently sustainable means of delivering opportunities for children and young people living in low-income, underserved communities, we recognise that there is more that we can do today to reduce our day-to-day impact on the environment.



OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

We formally commit StreetGames to being an environmentally responsible charity and to ensuring that the environmental impact of our activity is a central consideration in decision-making, design and delivery of activity.

## **IMPLEMENTING OUR COMMITMENT**

We will develop a plan that details the actions we will take to deliver our commitment to environmental sustainability.

### MONITORING & REPORTING

All employees and contractors have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of this Strategy and Action Plan are met. Staff are encouraged and given a platform to contribute towards our organisational environmental aims.

After an initial assessment of our environmental performance, we will set specific, measurable indicators and continue to monitor areas for improvement. Performance will be regularly reviewed by the Board and we will publish the outcome of our activity in our annual Trustees' Report and on our website.

This Policy will be reviewed, added to or modified as required from time to time, but at least on a triennial basis.





## STREETGAMES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN 2022-23

## **SCOPE OF THE PLAN**

As a charity which works with a network of locally trusted community organisations and a wide range of partners across the sport and youth sectors, we acknowledge a responsibility to advocate on behalf of those taking their environmental responsibility seriously and to influence those who aren't.

As an employer we will provide a positive environment for staff and contractors to feel empowered and to take individual responsibility for their everyday actions. We will review our employee-related procedures, policies and activities to ensure we are doing all we can to provide positive space and a framework within which everyone can work together to reduce our collective impact on the environment.

Activity is framed within the British Association of Sustainability in Sport's (BASIS) twelve principles, further details of which can be found at Appendix 1.

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As a key element of developing our Strategy we undertook consultation with all our staff through an online survey. 97% of staff felt that sustainability issues were important personally to them and 95% that it should be prioritised in the workplace. Lack of collective action and information as to how best to go about implementing changes were identified as major barriers to realising improvements.

We have taken this learning in the development of our first Action Plan. StreetGames is committed to working with our external partners to ensure we build environmental sustainability into the ongoing development of Doorstep Sport. Our commitment to this work will include consulting with LTOs and Young People in design of programme and engagement processes. However, we recognise that we need to first work on refining our own processes and therefore our initial Action Plan focuses primarily on internal activities and procedures before we plan to share our experience with LTOs.

We have identified three key areas within which we are able to make a difference and practical actions have been developed and implemented around each of these:

## APPENDIX 1 BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SUSTAINABILITY IN SPORT'S (BASIS) TWELVE PRINCIPLES

ENVIRONMENTAL PILLAR	
PRINCIPLE	WHERE CAN STREETGAMES MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?
Energy and emissions To minimise greenhouse gas emissions from all sources including buildings, equipment and other operational sources.	<ul> <li>Work with landlord in existing properties</li> <li>Meeting and procurement policies</li> </ul>
Waste Management To minimise waste and use of single-use plastics, recycle materials whenever possible, and dispose of waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.	<ul><li>Office waste management</li><li>Reduction in paper usage</li><li>Events management</li></ul>
Water and Effluents  To use water efficiently and effectively and to dispose of wastewater appropriately.	<ul> <li>Work with landlord in existing properties</li> <li>Meeting and procurement policies</li> <li>Events management</li> </ul>
Materials and Chemicals To use sustainable, healthy, ethically sourced, non-toxic products.	<ul><li>Equipment and kit contracts</li><li>Events management</li></ul>
Transport and Travel  To minimise the impacts of transport and travel by reducing journeys and promoting the use of low and zero-carbon transport and travel options.	<ul><li>Meeting and travel policies</li><li>Travel expense policies</li></ul>
Food and Drink Choosing and providing sustainable food and drink options at StreetGames events and gatherings to minimise the impact on the environment. Also, educating staff to make these responsible choices.	<ul> <li>Meeting and procurement policies</li> <li>Events management</li> <li>Delivery of Holiday Hunger programmes</li> </ul>
Biodiversity and Habitats  To encourage and protect biodiversity and wildlife habitats through appropriate land use.	Support for LTO facility development

SOCIAL PILLAR	
PRINCIPLE	WHERE CAN STREETGAMES MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?
Accessibility and Equality To provide facilities and services that are physically accessible to all and to provide a welcoming atmosphere to all with knowledgeable, confident staff.	<ul> <li>Core StreetGames objective through delivery of sustainable Doorstep Sport and our 10 Year Strategy</li> <li>StreetGames' Equality, Diversity &amp; Inclusion Policy, Strategy &amp; Action Plans</li> </ul>
Healthy Options  To give opportunities to staff, volunteers and other visitors to improve their physical and mental well-being, including healthy food options and opportunities for active travel.	Staff wellbeing policies and activities
Engagement and Education To engage with, and respond to the needs of, our communities of interest at all scales.	<ul> <li>Core StreetGames objective through delivery of sustainable Doorstep Sport and our 10 Year Strategy</li> <li>Stakeholder Engagement Strategy</li> <li>Internal staff communications</li> </ul>

ECONOMIC PILLAR	
PRINCIPLE	WHERE CAN STREETGAMES MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?
Procurement and Employment To incorporate economic, social and environmental considerations into all procurement and employment decisions.	<ul> <li>Procurement Policy</li> <li>Recruitment procedure</li> <li>StreetGames' Equality, Diversity &amp; Inclusion Policy, Strategy &amp; Action Plans</li> </ul>
Economy and Community  To support and have positive impacts on the local economy and local community.	Core StreetGames objective through delivery of sustainable Doorstep Sport and our 10 Year Strategy



