



**Children in Wales**  
**Plant yng Nghymru**

## **Sustainability & Environmental Policy Statement 2018**

### **Introduction**

Children in Wales is the national umbrella body for organisations and individuals who work with children, young people and their families in Wales. We are a membership body, and our members are drawn from the voluntary, statutory and professional sectors. We work with and for our members to promote their interests and meet their needs. Together we:

- Contribute to making implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child a reality in Wales
- Fight for sustainable quality services and fair shares for all children and young people
- Ensure special attention and treatment for children in need and those who are marginalised
- Ensure children and young people have a voice

Children in Wales carries out a number of activities in order to meet these aims. These include:

- Organising conferences and seminars
- Providing training
- Supporting and developing strong networks
- Producing and disseminating information
- Representing and consulting with members
- Research

We employ 14 full time and 15 part time staff across two offices, in Cardiff and in Bangor.

### **Sustainability & Environmental Policy Statement**

Children in Wales recognises that our work may have a direct or indirect effect on the local, regional and global environment. We are committed to reducing any harmful effects on the environment and promoting the understanding of sustainability in its broadest context.

We aim to achieve this by:

#### **Reducing waste**

- through careful purchasing choices, such as seeking items with reduced or recyclable packaging

- by working towards engaging third party suppliers who are actively seeking to reduce waste such as catering companies that don't use single use plastics
- by encouraging staff to only print documents when absolutely necessary
- by recycling paper, plastics and cardboard, and when possible by composting food waste

#### **Reducing our carbon footprint**

- through energy saving in the office
- arranging regional meetings and events where possible to reduce travel, and utilise remote access arrangements such as Skype or tele-conferencing when suitable

#### **Promoting a sustainable environment**

- by working towards a 'single use plastic free' office
- by using environmentally friendly cleaning products in our offices
- through utilising sustainable transport options for staff travel wherever possible

This Statement forms part of a more detailed Sustainability and Environmental Policy.