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## SEAS Environmental Policy

This policy is to be in addition to the Conway Centre Environmental Policy and the environmentally safe practices of the Conway Centre policies and procedures of operation.

Should SEAS operate in locations other than the Conway Centre, strict adherence to relevant environmental policies and procedures appertaining to those locations will be followed.

SEAS is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. This Environmental Policy has extra importance due to SEAS activities on the Menai Strait, and the areas designated AONB and SSSIs. This brings additional risks to the environment that mean extra mitigation and care is taken.

To achieve the aim of minimising the impact on the environment this policy sets out a series of action statements for SEAS participants and volunteers to follow.

### **Awareness**

We will raise awareness among participants and volunteers of ways in which the environment can be damaged and practical methods of preventing it. We will manage our activities to encourage wildlife wherever practicable.

### **Pollution**

We will ensure that safety/motor boats are fuelled safely and responsibly to avoid spillages and pollution. All volunteers will be trained in refuelling good practice and the use of spill kits.

Extra care will be taken to manage resources that come under COSHH (Control of Substances Harmful to Health) regulations to ensure they are stored to eliminate pollution incidents.

### **Bio-diversity**

We require everyone to reduce the risk of bringing invasive non-native species to the Menai Strait by properly washing any kit and equipment used elsewhere before being used at SEAS activities.

## **Energy**

We will minimise the use of electricity in all of our activities – for example by turning off lights.

## **Water Use**

We will minimise the use of water in all of our activities - for example fitting trigger nozzles to hoses and turning off taps when not in use.

## **Governance**

Where possible we will use digital communication methods, rather than printed materials, to communicate and promote our activities.

We will endeavour to take a sustainable approach to activities at SEAS, utilising environmental best practice and guidance where available.

We will include environmental and ethical considerations in our purchasing wherever possible.

We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability amongst our participants and volunteers.

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