

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Sentencing Academy

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

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Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline Year: 2022/23 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)		
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations. This baseline represents our first calculation of the carbon footprint of the organisation		
Baseline year emissions (tCO₂e):		
Scope 1	0.0 ¹	
Scope 2	0.0 ²	
Scope 3	130.8	
Included Scope 3 categories	1. Purchased goods & services	9.6
	3. Fuel- and energy-related activities	0.1
	4.Upstream transportation & distribution	0.0 ³
	5. Waste generated in operations	0.0 ⁴
	6. Business travel	0.5
	7. Employee commuting	0.7 ⁵
	9. Downstream transportation & distribution	0.0 ⁶
Total Emissions	10.9	

¹ The organisation does not own any vehicles and all staff are home-based so there are no company-owned or controlled assets.

² Since the organisation does not operate any premises, there are no Scope 2 emissions. Electricity use in home offices is included in Scope 3 category 7.

³ The organisation does not sell or supply any physical products so there is no upstream or downstream transportation. Any emissions from the limited use of postal and courier services is included in Scope 3 Category 1.

⁴ With no premises, the very minimal amounts of waste generated by the organisation are disposed of via household waste disposal routes and not tracked.

⁵ This is made up entirely of emissions from homeworking, a sub-category of Category 7.

⁶ The organisation does not sell or supply any physical products so there is no upstream or downstream transportation. Any emissions from the limited use of postal and courier services is included in Scope 3 Category 1.

Emissions reduction targets

The organisation is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. We will keep this date under review, bringing it forward if possible as our carbon reduction plans develop. However, as an organisation with a small footprint which mostly stems from sub-contracting of research, we also recognise that we have limited direct control over the vast majority of our footprint.

Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed:

- ☒ The organisation achieved Green Small Business Certification in July 2023, having developed an environmental policy and comprehensive action plan addressing all of the significant environmental impacts of the business
- ☒ We prioritise the use of local speakers at our events, to reduce travel and transportation distances.
- ☒ We promote and facilitate active and public transport to attendees at all of our events.
- ☒ Business travel has been reduced through use of video-conferencing.
- ☒ We work remotely, which eliminates emissions from staff commuting.

Planned Carbon Reduction Initiatives

Our environmental action plan commits us to the implementation of further measures which we anticipate will reduce the carbon intensity of the business, such as:

- ☒ Ensuring that environmental aspects are considered in any future decisions about business premises.
- ☒ Implementing a 'use of transport' policy to ensure that emissions from business travel are consistently low.
- ☒ Ensuring environmentally responsible purchasing.
- ☒ Exploring ways of incorporating environmental considerations into the subjects of the research and engagement activities we deliver.
- ☒ Providing our staff with information on environmentally responsible behaviour whilst working remotely and facilitating good practice.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard⁷ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting⁸.

⁷ <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

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Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard⁹.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the Board of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Sentencing Academy:

Mike Hough
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Date: ...29 August 2023.....

⁹ <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>