

Birmingham and Solihull Youth Promise Plus: Sustainability

Our Commitment

Birmingham & Solihull Youth Promise Plus is committed to delivering our support sustainably and to promoting sustainable economic development by:

- Aiming to reduce negative environmental impacts of delivery and to increase positive and sustainable environmental impacts of the project;
- Promoting sustainable economic development, including promotion of green jobs and economically sustainable activity.

The National & Local Context

National Government has recently announced their commitment to a global plan of actions to achieve an ambitious goal of zero carbon emissions (net zero carbon) by 2030.

Birmingham City Council has declared a 'Climate Emergency' and is committed to a Route to Zero Action Plan. Find out more: www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20015/environment/2026/

Key Objectives – the YPP project will:

- Adopt sustainable principles in our decision making,
- Work with our delivery partners and contractors to ensure that we are delivering the project in an environmentally sustainable way – protecting our environment, minimising waste, reducing our energy consumption and using our existing resources efficiently,
- Creating opportunities for local residents to access training and develop skills that will in turn lead to sustainable careers;
- Reduce waste and energy consumption;
- Minimise travel and promote use of public or green transport.

What We Are Already Doing

- Recognising the importance of green spaces we work closely with the Naturally Birmingham Project which is developing and maintaining natural resources in urban areas;
- Promoting sustainable travel like public transport, Independent Travel Training and cycling initiatives;
- Reducing travel to YPP support by increasing remote services such as video calls, webinars, online learning and blended support with a mixture of face to face and remote support;
- Reducing staff travel by increasing working from home;
- Reducing our use of paper to a minimum and using electronic documents as a first choice.

Naturally Birmingham Project

- YouTube channel to promote green careers;
- Parks Ambassador Programme to connect young people to green spaces, Kickstart jobs and BCC park staff Apprenticeships;
- Working with local sports development charities in the run up to the Commonwealth Games 2022;
- Working with regeneration projects to support young people in training, qualifications and experience in sustainable construction.

Find out more: www.naturallybirmingham.org