

CofEB Environment Programme Structure

CofE Birmingham Environment Programme

The CofEB Environment Programme exists to help all parts of the CofE Birmingham to take action to care for and renew creation.

CofE Birmingham Environment Board

The purpose of this group is to lead, inspire and oversee all projects and initiatives emerging from the CofEB Environment Programme. The Environment Board is Chaired by the Bishop of Birmingham.

The Board works to:

- Ensure that the CofE Birmingham gives effective witness, by word and action, to the environmental measures needed protect creation and to preserve the environment in which we all live.
- To give practical implementation to the five marks of mission, and especially to the fifth mark, “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth”.
- To deliver on environmental commitments made through synod resolutions or in other ways.

Projects

Net Zero Carbon 2030

- This project focusses on delivering the target for all parts of the CofE Birmingham to become net zero carbon by 2030.
- The Net Zero Environment Group (NZEG) is responsible for the day-to-day management of the project.
- NZEG includes the Bishop's Adviser for the Environment, the CofEB Property Team and members of Birmingham Anglican Climate Action (BACA).
- NZEG meets every two months to take forward diocesan level actions needed to deliver net-zero.

Eco Church and Silver Eco Diocese

- This project focusses on encouraging churches to register with the national Eco Church scheme, which equips individual churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.
- The project also works towards achieving a Silver Eco Diocese Award for the CofE Birmingham, after it attained a Bronze Award in 2019.
- Achieving a Silver Eco Diocese Award requires a number of diocesan level criteria to be met, including training, partnerships, church schools and environmental policies.

Establishment of Deanery Environmental Champions

- This project focusses on the establishment of the Deanery Environmental Champion (DEC) and Parish Environmental Contact (PEC) roles within the CofEB.
- At least one DEC will be appointed for each deanery and all parishes will be encouraged to appoint a PEC.
- The establishment of these roles will allow a network of people at deanery and parish level to work together to raise awareness of environmental issues and initiatives.
- A DEC Forum will be held every three months to allow an opportunity for DEC's to discuss successful initiatives and issues arising in their deaneries relating to the Environment Programme.

Role Descriptions

Bishop's Adviser for the Environment

- Supports the Bishop on Environmental matters.
- Represents the Diocese in the CofE's DEO (Diocesan Environmental Officer) Network.
- Acts as Secretary to the Environmental Board.
- Facilitates communication, co-ordination, relationships and governance between the many environmental initiatives in the Diocese, bringing proposals to the Environmental Board as necessary.
- Facilitates joint working and partnerships with other bodies (national and local) where possible, to support the environmental agenda within CofEB.

Deanery Environmental Champions

- Act as the key point of contact for environment-related matters within their deanery.
- Circulate news and resources related to the CofE Birmingham Environment Programme to Parish Environmental Contacts in their deanery.
- Maintain awareness of environmental issues within the local area by regular contact with the deanery's network of Parish Environment Contacts.
- Encourage churches within the deanery to actively participate with Eco Church.
- Encourage churches within the deanery to reduce their carbon emissions, championing the Church of England's aim to go carbon neutral by 2030.

Parish Environmental Contacts

- Receive news and resources related to the CofE Birmingham Environment Programme from the Deanery Environmental Champion.
- Circulate Environment Programme news and resources to the PCC.

Reporting Relationships

