

YEE SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

YEE strives to protect the environment. To ensure its projects and activities do not have a negative impact on people or the environment, all of YEE's projects and activities should follow this policy. YEE expects its members to respect nature, local communities, participants and themselves while striving to protect the environment and supporting sustainable development.

A. Food:

- A.1 Serve vegetarian or vegan food only.
- A.2 Serve locally produced food when possible.
- A.3 Serve fairly traded food when possible.
- A.4 Serve tap water unless it is unfit to drink.
- A.5 Reduce packaging waste and food waste as much as possible.

B. Venue & Resources:

- B.1 The venue should be 'eco-friendly' (e.g.: an eco-centre). Please check the [Sustainability Guidelines of the European Youth Foundation](#)
- B.2 Energy, including electricity and water, should not be wasted. Please see the [Sustainability Guidelines of the European Youth Foundation](#)
- B.3 The hosting organisation should share the values of Youth and Environment Europe. Please see [YEE's Values](#)

C. Materials:

- C.1 Use products, materials and supplies made from sustainable materials wherever possible, e.g. renewable, natural, biodegradable. This should include: promotional materials; printed materials; educational materials.
- C.2 Materials should be recyclable or reusable.

D. Waste:

- D.1 Separate and recycle as much waste as possible.
- D.2 Reuse materials when possible.
- D.3 Search for possibilities of composting food waste or feeding it to animals.

E. Education:

- E.1 Include a session about environment and sustainability in the activity programme.
- E.2 Present YEE sustainable principles in each YEE project.

F. Environmental volunteering:

- F.1 All YEE projects should include one volunteering activity that helps the environment.

G. Travel:

- G.1 Follow [YEE's Travel Policy](#)