

göta studentkår

Göta studentkår's Environment and Sustainability Policy.





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Background

Göta studentkår has a responsibility to actively work toward being a more environmentally friendly and sustainable organisation. This shall permeate the entirety of Göta studentkår's operation. Göta studentkår should actively work to find new solutions to reduce the climate impact that the organisation has. This policy concerns all parts of Göta studentkår's organisation.

Purchases

When making purchases, Göta studentkår shall always have an environmental perspective. It is important that only relevant and necessary purchases are made, and to always consider environmentally friendly options. Göta studentkår shall strive to:

- › Before purchases are made, take inventory of what the student union already has at hand that can be used.
- › Reduce the purchases of articles that can only be used once when possible. When items that are only used once are necessary, recyclable options shall always be prioritised.
- › To consider the amount of food that is purchased, when food is purchased, in order to reduce waste. If there is food left over after an event, efforts should be made in order to make sure it's not thrown away.
- › To purchase more vegetarian or vegan food for events, and to make sure that vegetarian and vegan options always are available.
- › When purchasing new electronics, consider their power usage, and to not purchase new electronics if functioning electronics are available.
- › When purchasing chemical agents, choosing environmentally friendly alternatives.

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Transport

Trustees of Göta studentkår's organisation occasionally travel for representative visits. There is also occasionally the need to transport material between Göta studentkår's offices to and from events. For these occasions Göta studentkår shall always work to choose environmentally friendly options for transport. Göta studentkår shall strive to:

- › When transport by car is needed, rental of electric vehicles should be prioritised over fuel-driven cars.
- › For work trips, bus or trains should always be chosen. Environmentally friendly trips are recommended, flying by plane is not allowed and only acceptable if no other options are available.

Organisation and impact

Göta studentkår shall actively work to reduce its' climate footprint within all parts of the organisation. Göta studentkår has great opportunity to influence other actors to work to reduce their climate footprints. Göta studentkår shall strive to:

- › In the cases when Göta studentkår enters into new external collaborations, collaborations with organisations that have clear sustainability policies and work toward climate goals should be prioritised.
- › Influence Gothenburg university to actively work to reduce the university's climate impact.
- › Reduce the amount of printed paper in the organisation, in order to reduce paper consumption.
- › Ensure that the organisation actively works to make sure that recycling is done correctly.
- › Encourage the usage of items that can be used multiple times, or items that can be recycled, for example bottles, mugs and plates.
- › Reuse decorations from events.
- › Continuously maintain the electronics the organisation owns, in order to prolong the lifespan.

Social sustainability

Göta studentkår shall work to be a fair, inclusive and coequal organisation. In order to create a sustainable organisation it is important to also focus on a conduct of social sustainability for represented students and those active within Göta studentkår. Göta studentkår shall strive to:

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- › Be an inclusive organisation for all represented students.
- › Make sure students gain knowledge about the student healthcare, and that they get the help that they require.
- › Be a student union built on community, engagement and safety in order to create a sense of unity among students.
- › Make sure that those active within the student union have a sustainable engagement, and that they are offered tools by Göta studentkår in order to have a sustainable engagement.
- › Uphold a good working environment in all associations, committees and governing bodies within the organisation.
- › Further good health and a good working environment for all represented students.
- › In the cases when Göta studentkår enters external collaborations, collaborators should support socially sustainable initiatives, such as justice or good working conditions.
- › Collaborators shall follow rules and conditions, including labour laws, environmental protections and anti-corruption laws.
- › Collaborations should share Göta studentkår's commitments to democracy, human rights and coequality.

Economic sustainability

Göta studentkår should, as an organisation, work towards having a responsible and stable economy. It is of great importance to encourage students and all parts of Göta studentkår's organisation to consume in an economically sustainable manner. Göta studentkår shall strive to:

- › Encourage students to make sustainable choices regarding consumption.
- › Encourage associations, committees, and boards to make sustainable choices regarding consumption.
- › Ensure that the organisation does not make unnecessary purchases and that financial decisions are made with both current and future generations in mind.

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