



O'Malley Clan Association Sustainability Policy

2024-2027

1. Introduction

The O'Malley Clan Association recognizes the urgent need to address climate change and its far-reaching impacts on the world, including both Ireland, and countries around the world where O'Malleys live and work and create lives for themselves. We are committed to minimizing our environmental footprint and promoting sustainable practices in all our operations, particularly in the planning and execution of clan gatherings and events. This policy outlines our commitment to environmental stewardship and provides a framework for achieving our sustainability goals.

2. Purpose

This policy aims to:

- Establish a clear commitment to environmental sustainability within the O'Malley Clan Association.
- Provide guidelines for sustainable practices in all Association activities.
- Minimize the environmental impact of clan gatherings and events.
- Promote awareness of climate change and sustainability among clan members.
- Contribute to global efforts to combat climate change.
- Preserve the natural beauty of Ireland for future generations.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the activities of the O'Malley Clan Association, including the Clan Association committee, event organizers, volunteers, and participants in clan gatherings and events. It encompasses all activities associated with the Association, including but not limited to:

- Planning and organization of clan gatherings and events
- Travel and transportation
- Venue selection and management

- Procurement of goods and services
- Waste management
- Communication and promotion

4. Principles

The O'Malley Clan Association will adhere to the following principles in its pursuit of sustainability:

- **Precautionary Principle:** We will take proactive measures to prevent or minimize environmental harm, even in the absence of complete scientific certainty.
- **Polluter Pays Principle:** Those responsible for causing environmental damage will bear the costs of remediation.
- **Sustainable Development:** We will meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We will constantly seek to improve our environmental performance and adopt best practices.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** We will be open and transparent about our environmental performance and be accountable for our actions.
- **Collaboration:** We will work with members, partners, and other stakeholders to achieve our sustainability goals.

5. Goals

The O'Malley Clan Association aims to achieve the following goals:

- **Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Minimize the carbon footprint of our activities, particularly travel and event-related emissions.
- **Minimize Waste:** Reduce the amount of waste generated at clan gatherings and events and promote recycling and composting.
- **Conserve Resources:** Use energy, water, and other resources efficiently.
- **Protect Biodiversity:** Protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of event locations.
- **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Encourage clan members to adopt sustainable practices in their own lives.

6. Implementation

The O'Malley Clan Association will implement this policy through the following actions:

- **Establish a Sustainability Sub Committee:** A committee will be formed to oversee the implementation of this policy, develop action plans, and monitor progress.
- **Develop Sustainable Event Guidelines:** Detailed guidelines will be developed for planning and organizing clan gatherings and events, incorporating best practices in sustainability. These guidelines will address:

- **Travel and Transportation:** Encouraging the use of public transportation, carpooling, and other low-emission travel options.
 - **Venue Selection:** Prioritizing venues with strong environmental credentials and accessibility by public transport.
 - **Accommodation:** Promoting eco-friendly accommodation options.
 - **Food and Beverage:** Sourcing local, seasonal, and organic food and beverages, and minimizing food waste.
 - **Waste Management:** Implementing waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting programs.
 - **Materials and Procurement:** Using sustainable materials and products, and minimizing the use of single-use plastics.
 - **Energy and Water:** Conserving energy and water use at event venues.
 - **Communication:** Promoting sustainable practices and raising awareness among participants.
- **Promote Sustainable Travel:** Encourage clan members to use sustainable modes of transportation, where possible, when attending events, such as public transport, carpooling, or cycling.
 - **Partner with Sustainable Suppliers:** Seek out and partner with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability.
 - **Educate and Engage Members:** Provide information and resources to clan members on climate change and sustainable practices, and encourage their participation in sustainability initiatives.
 - **Monitor and Report Progress:** Regularly monitor our progress towards achieving our sustainability goals and report on our performance to clan members.
 - **Review and Update Policy:** This policy will be reviewed and updated periodically, (on a 3 year cycle), to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

7. Responsibility

The O'Malley Clan Association's committee is responsible for the overall implementation of this policy. The Sustainability Sub Committee will be responsible for developing and implementing action plans, monitoring progress, and reporting on performance. All members of the O'Malley Clan Association are expected to support this policy and contribute to its implementation.

8. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. The Sustainability Sub Committee will be responsible for conducting the review and recommending any necessary updates.

9. Approval

This Sustainability Policy was approved by the O'Malley Clan Association committee on 3rd November 2024.

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