

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name – Digital Poverty Alliance

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Commitment to achieving net zero

Digital Poverty Alliance (DPA) is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. The DPA limits carbon emissions through a remote work structure, increasing sustainable practices, and encouraging device refurbishment and recycling to address digital poverty through organisations, corporations, government agencies, and individuals donating their devices including phones, laptops, and tablets.

Baseline emissions footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. The DPA developed our initial formal Carbon Reduction Plan in 2025 as our baseline year.

Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline year: 2025

Additional details relating to the baseline emissions calculations:

The whole team of 11 works from home. Each team member travels to around three events per month on average (some team members not travelling at all and others travelling more). Most travel is by public transport including bus, coach, tube and train. Travel is typically train although some driving and hotel stays are necessary depending on the location of travel. There is limited use of internal UK flights.

The DPA does not own or lease any vehicles, premises, or any other source of direct emissions. As we have no premises, we have no direct use of electricity or fuel. For this reason we have no Scope 1 or Scope 2 emissions.

Our Scope 3 emissions include only staff and volunteer travel (driving, trains and flights), hotel stays, home-working, digital tools, home office equipment, postage/shipping directly by the DPA, and purchased services. We have not included travel by external attendees to our events, postage/shipping included in purchase of goods being procured as part of an overall package (e.g. if a device is to be delivered direct from a supplier to an individual receiving a donated machine), lighting as related to the small storage unit we maintain (which has no power or light integrally within the unit, only within communal areas), or anything else not listed.

The DPA purchases laptops to distribute to families. The DPA also recycles and refurbishes devices such as laptops, tablets, and phones to reduce waste while increasing digital inclusion. The DPA encourages businesses and individuals to consider donating their old devices to reuse and recycle. Devices donated to the DPA are given to those in need across the UK. We are looking to increase the proportion of devices which are refurbished over new production.

Baseline year emissions: 2025

Emissions	Total (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1 - Direct emissions from owned or controlled sources	0 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2 - Indirect emissions from generation of purchased electricity, steam, heating, and cooling	0 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (included sources)	8.164 tCO ₂ e
Total emissions	8.164 tCO ₂ e

Current emissions reporting – Current report is baseline for 2025

Emissions	Total (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	0 tCO ₂ e
Scope 2	0 tCO ₂ e
Scope 3 (included sources)	8.164 tCO ₂ e
Total emissions	8.164 tCO ₂ e

Reporting year: N/A to be completed in 2026	
Emissions	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	XX
Scope 2	XX
Scope 3 (included sources)	XX
Total emissions	XX

Emissions reduction targets

We plan to achieve a reduction of 20% in our Scope 1, 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions over the next five years, from a baseline of 8.1 tCO₂e in FY2024/25 to 6.4 tCO₂e by FY2029/30.

As a fully remote charity with no premises, vehicles or manufacturing, our carbon emissions are already low. Our reduction plan therefore focusses on incremental improvements in team travel, homeworking energy use, supplier selection and digital tools. We believe that this will a reduction in line with our stated target while allowing us to maintain what we do.

Progress will be measured annually through updated emissions calculations in line with PPN 06/21 and the Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

Carbon reduction projects

Completed carbon reduction initiatives

At baseline we have already taken a number of steps to minimise our carbon emissions.

- Internal Technology and Devices: The DPA encourages employees to reduce waste by ensuring longevity of devices – which are used until they are no longer workable or it is unsustainable to continue repairs. This includes regular maintenance, taking care to not cause unnecessary damage, and using devices beyond the initial warrantee period.
- Refurbished When Possible: The DPA purchases both new and refurbished devices for distribution. The DPA aims to purchase refurbished to offset carbon emissions of creating new technology.
- Device Recycling: The DPA asks organisations, companies, businesses, local government, and individuals to donate their devices. These devices are either then refurbished and donated to a family or individual in need of digital access, or recycled sustainably to reduce waste, reuse any parts to support repairs of other computers, and recirculate any usable materials such as precious metals.
- Remote Work: Employees work remotely. This limits the carbon emissions created by an office environment. It also limits travel, as employees based close to events will be nominated to attend to reduce unnecessary travel.
- Limited Travel: A majority of our work is remote, with in person meetings only being held when necessary. Travel should prioritise minimising the carbon emissions, therefore train travel is encouraged over driving or flying.
- AI: The DPA recognise the importance of limiting AI use due to the increased carbon emissions. Employees are encouraged to use AI only when necessary, in order to reduce overall carbon emissions of the organisation.

Future carbon reduction initiatives

In the coming five years we will:

- Formalise a green approach to **travel** – with a “virtual-first” approach to meetings to reduce the need for travel, and a “train-first” approach for domestic or EU travel, with short-haul flights not approved unless there is no alternative.
- Encourage team members to switch to renewable energy for **home working**, and bring in digital tools to manage power (such as admin services to set all devices to go to sleep if unattended for 10 minutes), with clear advice for all team members around reducing carbon emissions.
- Build carbon reduction into our RfP process, selecting **suppliers** who have clear carbon reduction commitments, including for parcel delivery and digital tools such as cloud storage and web servers.
- Choose **events venues** with sustainability criteria, and with low-carbon catering (such as reduced-meat menus).

Declaration and sign off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 006 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard¹³ and uses the appropriate [government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting](#).¹⁴

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements (where required), and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard.¹⁵

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the supplier:



Digital Poverty Alliance
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