

Greening your Team: Identifying Environmental Aspects and Impacts

'The department has identified, ranked and documented what it believes are its five most significant negative environmental impacts'

Environmental Aspects

Element of an organisation's activities, products or services that can interact with the environment.

Environmental Impacts

Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organisation's activities, products or services

Prioritise what environmental issues to focus your efforts on

Example activity, aspects and impacts



Activity: printing out course guides

Aspect: Electricity consumption using the printer	Impact: Green House Gas emissions contributing to climate change
Aspect: paper consumption	Impact: reducing natural carbon sinks contribution to global warming
Aspect: Printer Ink	Impact: natural resource consumption
Aspect: Waste Printer Cartridges	Impact: Green House Gas emissions from waste to landfill

Stages to identify your 'aspects and impacts'

1. Brainstorm your activities
2. What environmental aspects are associated with these?
3. What are the environmental impacts of these aspects?
4. What is the significance of these impacts (intensity and likelihood), which are a priority?

Activity	Aspect	Impacts

