



## Sustainability Statement

### Sustainability at Electric Storm Youth: Practical Action for Our Community

At ESY, we believe sustainability is about more than just "being green"—it's about resilience, looking after our resources, and supporting our young people's future.

As a small charity operating out of rented spaces, we face real constraints. We cannot always change the heating system or control every waste stream, but we focus on where we **can** make a difference.

### What we are doing right now:

- **Promoting Reuse:** Our charity shop keeps thousands of items in circulation and out of landfill every year.
- **Reusing and Recycling:** We are members of the Scrap Space in Shoreham where we get around 60% of our arts and crafts materials from for our youth sessions and we take any used materials back to them.
- **Fighting Food Waste:** Twice a week, we rescue short-dated food from the Co-op for our youth sessions or redistribute it to the local Food Bank.
- **Lowering our Footprint:** We've switched to LED lighting, use thermal blinds to keep heat in, and use our "gifted bikes" for local errands whenever possible.
- **Cleaning our Coast:** We partner with *Keep Lancing Lovely* to involve young people in local beach cleans.
- **Digital Safety:** We protect our young people's "digital footprint" by using a no-face photography policy across our social media.

### Our Next Steps:

We are currently working on a "Three-Year Staircase" of improvements, including better tracking of our energy use and creating a youth-led sustainability project.

