



Eco-Congregation Scotland First Award Application Form

Please complete the application details below.

In addition to this application form it would be helpful, if possible, to put together evidence of your activities – such as orders of service, church magazine pieces, photographs, posters, notes/minutes of meetings, reflections from members, press articles, etc. You may wish to send a few of these in with the application form; alternatively, they could be made available to assessors on the day.

We would be happy to respond to any queries that you have about the award process.

Once this application form has been completed, please send, along with any accompanying material, to:

Email manager@ecocongregationscotland.org

Post Eco-Congregation Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN

Eco-Congregation details

Name and location of church	<input type="text"/>
Denomination	<input type="text"/>
Church address (including postcode)	<input type="text"/>

Your Eco-Congregation contact person

Name	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Postal address (including postcode)	<input type="text"/>
Application date	<input type="text"/>

The first Eco-Congregation award is given to churches that have undertaken initiatives in each of these areas:

- Helping the whole congregation to make the link between their Christian faith and environmental concerns (***Ideas for Action - Spiritual Living***).
- Taking practical action in the church and/or church grounds (***Ideas for Action - Practical Living***).
- Having a positive impact on and/or working with their local or wider community. (***Ideas for Action - Global Living***).
- Measuring the carbon footprint of their church buildings and have plans to reduce it.

Churches must have undertaken one reasonably substantive piece of work or a number of smaller projects in each area. When there is overlap, for example a church involving the local community in improvements to their grounds, the church will be given credit for taking action in both areas. For their first award, churches may submit information on projects undertaken both prior to and since registering as an Eco-Congregation.

The award is valid for three years. Churches may apply for further awards three years after the date of their first award.

The Eco-Congregation process

It is not necessary that a church has used the Eco-Congregation [Ideas for Action](#) resources – the award recognises appropriate activities initiated or inspired by any source.

However, it is important that the church is able to show that their environmental concern and activity is sustainable and ongoing. For this reason, the award is renewable every 3 years. The suggestions below are **not** absolute criteria for gaining the award, but credit could be given to a church that has:

- Involved a number of people from across the church community in working through the [Ideas for Action Church Check-Up](#) and in undertaking particular initiatives
- Formed links with and involved other groups in the local area
- Sought and gained support (time/money/advice) from another organisation
- Reviewed and monitored progress regularly

Important note

Eco-Congregation Scotland aims to offer something to every church, regardless of size, location, denomination or circumstances. Hence, each church will be assessed according to its own circumstances and potential.

Please use extra sheets of paper if required.

The Eco-Congregation involvement process

Do you have a Green Team / eco group which meets regularly? Y N

If yes, how many people serve on the team / group?

Which groups within the church or outside the church do they represent?

Details:

If no, which teams or groups promote Eco-Congregation work within the church?

Details:

What is the approximate number of meetings per year?

Do you regularly measure, record and review progress?
(for example, do you take minutes at your meetings?) Y N

Do you attend your local network group (if there is one)? Y N

Is your environmental work ongoing? Y N

If yes, please give one example of your continuing programme:

Details:

Communication

Do you have a mechanism for informing the whole congregation about work planned or undertaken (e.g. notice board / church magazine / website)?

Details:

Have any steps been taken to publicise the environmental work of the church to the wider community (e.g. articles in local newspaper)?

Details:

Spiritual Living

Helping the whole congregation to make the link between their Christian faith and environmental concerns

Please list the activities undertaken in this area and assess the impact that they have had on helping the congregation understand environmental care as part of Christian discipleship. It is not sufficient to just put regular Sunday worship. For example, you could include special Sunday services, Bible study groups and so on.

Details:

Which of these activities are ongoing? Are there plans for the future to further help the congregation link environmental care and Christian discipleship?

Details:

Practical Living

Taking practical action in the church and/or church grounds

Please list the activities / projects undertaken in this area and assess the impact that they have had on the church, community and wider environment.

Details:

Which of these activities / projects are ongoing? Are there plans for the future to further take practical action?

Details:

Global Living

Having a positive impact on and/or working with the local and wider community. This must include measuring the carbon footprint of the church building and developing plans for its reduction (please see next page).

Please list the activities / projects undertaken in this area and assess the impact that they have had on the local/global community. This includes involvement with and contribution to your local Eco-Congregation Network, if there is one.

Details:

Which of these activities / projects are ongoing? Are there plans for the future to further serve the local/global community?

Details:

Carbon footprint

You can access the form below on the [Eco-Congregation website](#) if you wish, or you are welcome to use a different carbon footprint calculator and attach the results to this form.

Please double-click on any part of the table and you will be able to enter in figures for energy used (from your records or bills). Once you have entered your figures the multiplication will automatically be done for you and the kgs of carbon used and totals will appear in the third column.

Carbon Calculator			
	Enter energy used...	...multiplied by...	to give ...kgs of CO2
Gas: (Cubic metres)		2.009	0
... or kilowatt hours (kWh)		0.185	0
Oil: (Litres)		3.179	0
Electricity (kWh)		0.537	0
Total CO2 emissions from buildings (kilograms)			0
Total CO2 emissions from buildings (tonnes)			0.00

What are your plans for reducing the carbon footprint of the church? Have you undertaken any carbon footprint-reduction measures already?

Details: