



Eco-Congregation Scotland Second Award Application Form

Please complete the 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"/>

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The second Eco-Congregation award is given to churches that have continued with and pursued new 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.

In addition to the above criteria, we ask the assessors to look for:

- Implementation of the recommendations made at the first award assessment, unless there are good reasons why this has not been possible.
- A continuation/deepening of existing projects (unless there is a good reason why they have finished). These should be more than just maintenance and demonstrate steady growth.
- New projects
- Evidence of reaching out to others e.g. through more local community involvement, involving other churches in the programme and / or supporting the local [Eco-Congregation network](#).
- In addition, the congregation should be able to show that they have taken steps to make a measureable reduction in the carbon footprint of their church buildings.

The Eco-Congregation process

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?

Please let us know the approximate number of people that will attend the assessment.

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:

Recommendations from the previous award

If recommendations were made at your last assessment please give details on how you have worked on these following on from your last award.

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. Please highlight any new initiatives since your last assessment. It is not sufficient to only include Sunday worship. For example, you could include special services, Bible study groups, etc.

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:

Can you give an example where your activities have engaged with the congregation to make the link between their Christian faith and environmental concerns?

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. Please highlight any new initiatives since the last assessment.

Details:

Which of these activities are ongoing? Are there plans for the future to further take practical action that will have a positive effect on the environment?

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 list the activities / projects undertaken in this area and assess the impact that they have had on the local/global community. Please highlight any new initiatives since the last assessment.

Details:

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

Details:

How have you contributed to your local Eco-Congregation Network (if there is one), for example through hosting an event or mentoring another church?

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

By how much, and how, has your carbon footprint been reduced since you gained your first award? Please attach evidence.

Details:

What are your plans to continue reducing your carbon footprint?

Details: