

Eco-congregation Scotland Bronze Award Application

This award is open to any congregation registered as an eco-congregation with Eco-congregation Scotland.

Please complete each section of the form, **briefly** describing how your congregation meets the criteria given for each section. If you wish, you may also submit **relevant** supporting evidence (for example, photographs, newsletter articles, posters, press coverage). It is helpful to the assessor if you can reference any supporting evidence at appropriate places within your responses.



Eco-Congregation details

Name of church

Denomination

Church address
(including postcode)

Church website (for background info)

Your contact person for this application

Name

Phone number

E-mail address

Postal address
(including postcode)

Application date

Section 1: General Aspects

1.1	The congregation has used the “church check-up” to identify the congregation’s environmental strengths and weaknesses.
<p><i>Describe briefly how you used the church check-up, and what you discovered about your congregation’s strengths and areas that could be developed.</i></p>	

1.2	A number of people from across the congregation are involved in initiating and coordinating eco activities.
<p><i>Describe briefly who (individuals, groups) is involved in initiating and co-ordinating eco activities.</i></p>	

1.3

There is regular communication on eco issues and activities **within** the congregation eg newsletters, internal noticeboards

Describe briefly how you communicate on eco issues and activities within your congregation.

For assessor use only: (check one statement, and add comment if required)

The congregation has **exceeded** the criteria for section 1

The congregation has **met fully** all the criteria for section 1

The congregation has **made significant progress towards** meeting all the criteria for section 1

The congregation **falls well below** the criteria for section 1

Comment:

Section 2: Spiritual Living

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

2.1	Church leaders (deacons, elders, vestry etc) discuss the role of eco activity in the spiritual life of the church.
<p><i>Describe briefly how and when eco activities are discussed within your church leadership.</i></p>	

2.2	Aspects of creation care are sometimes reflected in worship, prayers and sermons.
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how care for creation is reflected in worship, prayers and sermons.</i></p>	

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The congregation has **exceeded** the criteria for section 2

The congregation has **met fully** all the criteria for section 2

The congregation has **made significant progress towards** meeting all the criteria for section 2

The congregation **falls well below** the criteria for section 2

Comment:

Section 3: Practical Living

Taking practical action in individual lives, the church and/or church grounds.

3.1	Individual members taking action: Basic practical steps to reduce energy use and waste by individual members in their own lives are being encouraged.
<p><i>Describe briefly how individual members are being encouraged to take practical action to reduce energy use and waste in their own lives.</i></p>	

3.2	Action in church buildings: Basic practical steps are being taken to reduce energy consumption and waste (where possible) within the church building(s)
<p><i>Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to reduce energy consumption and waste within the church building(s).</i></p>	

3.3 **Biodiversity, wildlife, grounds and gardens:** The congregation has considered and implemented some action to adapt the church grounds (where possible) to be more environmentally friendly.

Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to adapt the church grounds to be more environmentally friendly.

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The congregation has **exceeded** the criteria for section 3

The congregation has **met fully** all the criteria for section 3

The congregation has **made significant progress towards** meeting all the criteria for section 3

The congregation **falls well below** the criteria for section 3

Comment:

Section 4: Global Living

Having a positive impact on and/or working with national and global environmental justice concerns

4.1	Local and national concerns: Members of the congregation are made aware of local and national eco concerns through church notices, newsletters, meetings, posters etc
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is made aware of local and national eco concerns.</i></p>	

4.2	Global and international concerns: Members of the congregation are made aware of global and international eco concerns through church notices, newsletters, meetings, posters etc
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is made aware of global and international eco concerns.</i></p>	

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The congregation has **exceeded** the criteria for section 4

The congregation has **met fully** all the criteria for section 4

The congregation has **made significant progress towards** meeting all the criteria for section 4

The congregation **falls well below** the criteria for section 4

Comment:

End of application form.

Please send the completed form (including the “assessor use only” pages), by e-mail if possible, along with any supporting material, to:

Email administrator@ecocongregationscotland.org

For assessor use only:

Taking into account:

- the capacity and context of the congregation,
- the activities/initiatives they have undertaken with a spiritual, practical and global/local dimension,
- the information you have learned from the application form, supporting evidence and assessment visit,

do you consider that the congregation has met the criteria for this Eco-Congregation Award?

Yes

No

If yes:

List any initiatives / activities that merit particular **commendation**:

List any **recommendations** for future work:

If no:

Make **recommendations for further action** that will enable the congregation to fulfil the award criteria:

