

# Eco-congregation Scotland Silver 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 an “action plan” of eco activities, and <b>monitors its progress</b> .
<p><i>Describe briefly (or submit) your <b>action plan</b>, and how you <b>monitor progress</b>.</i></p>	

1.2	The congregation has an established group (or groups) with responsibility for initiating and coordinating eco activities, supported by the leadership of the congregation.
<p><i>Describe briefly who is involved in initiating and co-ordinating eco activities, and how it is supported by the leadership of the congregation.</i></p>	

1.3	The congregation communicates about <b>eco issues</b> both in and <b>beyond</b> the congregation eg public noticeboards, website, local media
<p><i>Describe briefly how you communicate on <b>eco issues</b> and activities both in and beyond your congregation.</i></p>	

1.4	Members of the congregation actively support local network events (where they exist), and contribute ideas for sharing with other congregations.
<p><i>Describe briefly your involvement in local network events, and/or how you share ideas with other congregations.</i></p>	

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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	There are opportunities for <b>leaders and members</b> of the congregation to meet to <b>discuss environmental issues</b> .
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of opportunities for environmental issues to be <b>discussed</b> within your congregation.</i></p>	

2.2	Care for creation is <b>regularly reflected</b> in worship, prayers, bible studies and sermons.
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how <b>care</b> for creation is reflected in worship, prayers, bible studies 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

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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	<b>Individual members taking action:</b> Members of the congregation are being <b>challenged and supported</b> to find ways of significantly reducing <b>their own impact</b> on the environment, by considering issues including <b>energy use, recycling, travel and personal finance</b> .
<p><i>Describe briefly how individual members are being <b>challenged and supported</b> to take practical action to reduce the impact of their <b>own lifestyles</b> on the environment, including energy use, recycling, travel and personal finance.</i></p>	

3.2	<b>Action in church buildings:</b> The congregation is developing and beginning to implement a strategy for the church as an organisation to significantly reduce its impact on the environment by considering issues including <b>energy use, recycling, travel and finance</b> .
<p><i>Describe briefly your congregation's strategy to significantly reduce its impact on the environment by considering issues including <b>energy use, recycling, travel and finance</b>, and the steps you have already taken.</i></p>	

3.3 **Biodiversity, wildlife, grounds and gardens:** Members are being encouraged to take practical steps in and around both **the church grounds and their own properties** to be more environmentally friendly.

*Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to adapt the **church grounds and members' own properties** 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

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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	<b>Local and national concerns:</b> Members of the congregation are actively involved in supporting positive <b>environmental initiatives</b> in the local area or the UK.
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how members of your congregation are actively involved in supporting positive <b>environmental initiatives</b> locally or in the UK.</i></p>	

4.2	<b>Global and international concerns:</b> The congregation is actively involved in supporting FairTrade, and charities working in <b>parts of the world impacted by climate change</b> .
<p><i>Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is actively involved in supporting FairTrade, and charities <b>working in parts of the world impacted by climate change</b>.</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

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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** [coordinator@ecocongregationscotland.org](mailto:coordinator@ecocongregationscotland.org)

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

**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 both 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:

