



A climate and ecological emergency

CIWEM's declaration

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) is the leading royal chartered professional body dedicated to sustainable management of the environment, globally.

As such:

- We recognise the existential crises humankind faces from global overheating, increased instance of extreme weather events and wildlife loss.
- Environmental professionals hold the key to developing and implementing solutions to the climate and ecological emergency.
- We must also recognise how our own activities contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss.

CIWEM is the leading independent Chartered professional body for water and environmental professionals, promoting excellence within the sector.

As an Institution, we therefore commit to:

1. **Creating climate and ecological champions of our members,** stakeholders and the public, inspiring urgent action to tackle this shared crisis.
2. **Advocating strongly for ambitious levels of commitment to action** on climate and ecology by decision makers at all levels, alongside appropriate allocation of resources to enable concerted action at all levels of society.
3. **Reviewing our areas of operation** to ensure that they are entirely consistent with delivering as effectively as possible for professionals and the public against the challenges of a climate and ecological emergency. Aiming as an organisation to achieve a net zero emissions target by 2030.
4. **Developing practical programmes** which contribute to ecological recovery and carbon sequestration.
5. **Leading our profession to deliver resilience and adaptation** measures extensively in response to climate risks.
6. **Empowering our members** to work with their own employers, stakeholders and supply chains to deliver zero carbon, resilient and adaptive programmes and projects which deliver biodiversity and wider environmental net gain.
7. **Working with other organisations** to collectively drive and share best practice, reflecting the latest scientific evidence and innovation.

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