

Progression of Eco Diocese Awards

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Criteria	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Ownership	Commissioned an individual or group to coordinate and progress Eco Diocese.	Commissioned a group (e.g. Diocesan Advisory Committee DAC) or working group to coordinate and progress Eco Diocese	Ownership of environmental issues is embedded throughout the diocesan structure.
Relevant Church House/Diocesan Office award*	Achieve bronze award for Church House/Diocesan Office.	Achieve silver award for Church House/Diocesan Office and promote an understanding amongst all staff of Eco Diocese goals.	Achieve gold award for Church House/Diocesan Office.
Eco Church awards	10% of local churches registered; 5% of local churches awarded	THESE THRESHOLDS HAVE BEEN UPDATED Route 1: (up to 500 churches) 40% of local churches registered; 30% of local churches awarded; 10% of local churches awarded silver or higher. Route 2 (large diocese): 30% of local churches registered; 22% of local churches awarded; 7% of local churches awarded silver or higher.	Route 1: (up to 500 churches) 60% of churches registered/engaged with Eco Church; 45% of churches have an award; 15% of churches have silver or gold awards; 3% of churches have a gold award. Cathedral(s) have a silver award. Route 2 (large diocese): 45% of churches registered/engaged with Eco Church; 34% of churches have an award; 11% of churches have silver or gold awards; 1% of churches have a gold award. Cathedral(s) have a silver award.
Policy and Land	An environmental policy	An environmental policy which includes a land management strategy with an explicit reference to promoting biodiversity and managing the land for carbon reduction across the diocese	Cross-cutting environmental policy(ies). Demonstration of progress, or meeting, of targets in Land Management Strategy.

Training and development	Embed environmental issues in ongoing training	Environmental training is included in standard diocesan training for both lay and ordained ministry and there are opportunities for training and development for other regional staff/volunteers	Environmental learning and creation care theology is supported, promoted and delivered throughout the diocese.
Schools and education	Promote environmental care across church schools in the Diocese	The Diocesan Board of Education has put in place an appropriate environmental policy.	The Diocesan Board of Education to be working to support their Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools to: a) integrate care for God's creation in their worship and curriculum, b) meet the 2030 net zero target, c) encourage biodiversity on school land.
Carbon reduction	Commit to develop a plan for carbon reduction	Agreed carbon reduction targets and developed an action plan to get there.	Progress toward carbon reduction targets.
Finance and investments	Manage Diocesan investments ethically	All diocesan funds are invested in line with ethical principles consistent with good environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) criteria and which target 'deep positive impact primarily in the themes of financial inclusion, affordable and safe housing, and the environment.'	All diocesan funds are invested in line with ethical principles and the diocese is working toward financial management that reflects its environmental commitments.
Collaboration	Works with other dioceses and/or faith groups to encourage greater environmental action, including promoting Eco Church as a helpful tool	Works with partner church groups both locally and internationally to raise mutual awareness in regard to climate change and species loss mitigation and resilience measures	Works with others to advocate for the environment, raise awareness of the climate crisis and biodiversity loss and collaboratively seek solutions.
Celebrating creation	Established the habit of recording and celebrating individual environmental initiatives	Regular and substantial presence of environmental issues on the diocesan website and through wider communication channels	There is a prominent presence of environmental issues and creation care in the life of the diocese <i>and</i> on all diocesan communication channels.