

Eco Diocese Bronze Award Criteria



	Bronze	Notes	Evidence (Evidence required or suggested evidence)
Ownership	Commissioned an individual or group to coordinate and progress Eco Diocese.	Demonstrating a diocesan commitment to the process.	<i>Minutes of meeting with group/individual identified as the coordinator within the diocese.</i>
Relevant Church House/Diocesan Office award	Achieve bronze award for Church House/Diocesan Office.	Completed sections of Buildings and Land section of Eco Church survey. Where offices are leased this will be primarily achieved through influencing and partnership with landlords / property managers.	<i>Award certificate or email from Eco Church.</i>
Eco Church awards	10% of local churches registered; 5% of local churches awarded See further notes below*	<i>As per Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and The net zero carbon framework of the Church in Wales</i>	<i>List of churches with registration and dates awards attained.</i>
Policy	An environmental policy.	The environmental policy needs to be agreed by the Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod/Church in Wales Diocesan Conference. The policy should include points on travel, the environmental maintenance of clergy housing, and a commitment to reducing diocesan carbon emissions.	<i>Environmental Policy.</i>
Training and development	Embed environmental issues in ongoing training for both lay and ordained ministers.	Within the curricula of training for ministers both lay and ordained there is inclusion of environmental issues and creation care theology.	<i>List of ministers and training attended in last year.</i> <i>Annual programme of training for lay and ordained ministers (for example).</i>

Schools and education	Promote environmental care across church schools in the diocese.	The diocesan policy should be to encourage schools to pursue accreditation with an appropriate awarding body (e.g. Eco Schools) and/or look for environmental projects and partnerships with local churches.	<i>An Eco School award or progress toward this (for example). A project, initiative or event with local church and school (for example).</i>
Carbon reduction	Commit to developing a plan for carbon reduction.	Outline of Net Zero Carbon Action Plan to include action for all cathedrals and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches (as per <i>Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030</i> and <i>The Net Zero Carbon framework of the Church in Wales</i>).	<i>Net Zero Carbon Action Plan.</i>
Finance and investments	Manage diocesan investments ethically.	In line with the ethical policies of the Church of England or Church in Wales national investing bodies, including on climate change, guided by the recommendations of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group.	<i>Policy on investments.</i>
Collaboration (e.g. with other dioceses, faith groups, secular/community groups)	Work with other dioceses, faith groups and/or secular community groups to encourage greater environmental action, including promoting Eco Church as a helpful tool.	To encourage greater environmental action within the dioceses and beyond, this includes promoting Eco Church as a helpful tool. Examples of collaboration such as regular network meetings between regional DEOs, interfaith meetings with the environment on the agenda, and interfaith environment networks within the diocese.	<i>Regular one-off meetings and events held.</i>
Celebrating Creation	Established the habit of recording and celebrating individual environmental initiatives.	Use diocesan communication and events to promote and raise awareness of creation care and environmental issues, share resources and celebrate achievements.	<i>Links to evidence or list.</i>

Link to *Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030*: www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/RoutemapToNetZeroCarbonFinal.pdf

Link to *The Net Zero Carbon framework of the Church in Wales* and related documents: www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/about-us/our-campaigns/environment/

***Eco Church awards notes:** *The percentages relate to the total number of local diocese churches. For example, if you have 100 local churches, 10 of the local churches must be registered, and 5 local churches must be awarded for you to meet the Bronze Eco Diocese award criteria. To meet the Silver Eco Diocese award criteria, if you have 100 local churches, you must have 40 registered and 30 churches with an award, with at least 10 awarded silver or higher.*