



## Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions – *Start a Green Team*

### WHAT IS A GREEN TEAM?

A Green Team is a group of staff members who form to take charge of reducing the organisation's greenhouse gas emissions through steps such as:

- reducing energy & water consumption;
- waste reduction, recycling and composting;
- advocating alternative transport options;
- improving the office's overall practices

The role of a green team is to provide education, facilitate improvements and motivate action throughout the workplace to make it more sustainable.



### WHY START A GREEN TEAM?

A green team will raise staff awareness of environmental issues as they relate to the daily practices and activities of your organisation. A green team will provide tangible yet sustainable alternatives to an organisation's business as usual operation and will take charge of contributing more healthy ideas for your work environment.

### HOW DO WE START A GREEN TEAM?

It's simple. The first step is to identify colleagues who are interested in saving money for the organisation AND adopting more sustainable practices in the workplace.

1. Invite staff to be part of your workplace green team. This may be done by posters, emails or conversations.
2. Clarify why you want to become a more sustainable organisation, such as for staffing reasons (attracting a retaining staff), reducing costs or for environmental reasons.
3. At your first meeting to discuss the organisation's priorities. One example priority is reducing electrical bills.
4. Select leaders for each theme. For instance, an 'Energy Champion' (who is in charge of electricity consumption and savings), 'Water Champion', 'Waste/Recycling Champion', 'Transport Champion' and Behaviour Champion. This divides up the roles so one person isn't doing everything.
5. Have each leader refer to the COOLmob fact sheets for tips on what their theme covers and where they can start. Discuss the actions you want to implement and what the organisation can do with the savings achieved as a result of implementing the changes.

6. Schedule regular meetings to discuss the progress towards your goals and how you will report change to all staff. For example, your Energy Champion can display energy consumption and dollar savings this quarter compared to the same time last year on a graph displayed on the fridge door.

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