



The Gibraltar Carbon Footprint Challenge

World Earth Day gives us all an opportunity to examine our behaviour and see where we can cut back and best contribute towards a healthier planet and reduce global warming.

A few years ago members of the ESG Committee set themselves the task of customising a UK carbon calculator formula for a Gibraltar resident. It is accessible on the ESG website on esg-gib.net and takes just a few minutes to fill in. The “calculator” works out your footprint in seconds! Simply click on the box:



on the home page and you will go straight to the carbon calculator where you will be asked questions on :
Home / Transport/ Flights/ Shopping/ Food and Diet

The calculator allows you to see the carbon emissions generated by each area of your life. Very simple to do and could be your contribution to World Earth Day! To set this in motion **John Cortes(GONHS)**, **Lyana Armstrong(FoEGib)** and **Janet Howitt(ESG)** have agreed to publish their carbon footprint with a view to reducing this where possible during the coming year.

JOHN CORTES GONHS 2008	FOOTPRINT	9.37 tonnes CO2
LYANA ARMSTRONG FOE GIB 2008	FOOTPRINT	7.33 tonnes CO2
JANET HOWITT ESG 2008	FOOTPRINT	.4.88 tonnes CO2

A guide to carbon footprints:

Under 3	Excellent
3-6	Good
6-9	OK..But
9-12	Cut down
12-15	Excessive
15-18	Bad
18-21	Very Bad
Over 21	Dangerous

It is useful to note that the average person in the UK has a footprint of **9.4 tonnes** Gibraltar is virtually an island nation with a lot of travel undertaken as a normal part of life for several important reasons. This is reflected in our footprint and while difficult to avoid could be reviewed as travel produces high carbon emissions.

The ESG’s Carbon Footprint Calculator is based on data from the Climate Outreach and Information Network and the Guardian. **It is only recommended to be a quick, rough guide.** For a more detailed calculator, we recommend you visit: www.bestfootforward.com