



Environmental Policy

The work we undertake and support has an impact on the environment. We are committed to minimising any negative impact and managing our carbon footprint, and to search for and employ technologies and methodologies which actively improve our environment, both locally and to the benefit of the planet. We will also use our platform to encourage and educate others to do the same.

Our current Environmental and Net Zero strategy and approach for the future is divided broadly into three parts:

A) Building & Facilities

- Improve the heritage Art Deco 'Artspace on the Prom' building - damp proofing, adding extensive wall & ceiling insulation, LED lighting, smart panel heaters, battery storage
- Review our waste generation, avoiding single use materials wherever possible (especially plastics and packaging)
- Reuse all materials where we can, and recycle what we cannot
- Utilise QR codes where appropriate (that point to a website page) on posters, leaflets etc. to avoid re-printing material
- Source and promote the use of the most environmentally sound products in our facilities
- Monitor our use of power and water eg. Green/Eco friendly electricity tariffs, cheaper overnight or twin tariffs from suppliers, 'instant on' hot water
- Investigate the feasibility of ASHP for heating

B) Environment Policy

- Monitor and track the latest changes to environmental policy and Net Zero 'best practice'
- Liaise with other local groups and organisations for mutual benefit and sharing of ideas
- Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation
- Make sure that our policies are communicated to all third parties working with us
- Accept responsibility for any negative impact our work has on the environment and look for ways to minimise
- Eventually consider 'offsetting' of carbon usage, either through offsetting payment schemes, or by funding tree planting locally

C) People

- Appoint an Environment Officer to take responsibility for and to progress all issues within this policy
- Ensure that our staff, volunteers, and visitors have a safe and creative eco-friendly experience when visiting or working with us

- Undertake any relevant training on effective environmental awareness
- Choose third parties who show commitment and respect to environmentally secure working practices
- Support exhibitions, groups and artists whose work either highlights environmental issues or who work with particularly environmentally sound methods
- Look for suggestions on ways we can improve our methods and policies from volunteers, artists and visitors