

Meadow Arts

Environmental Policy

Environmental Responsibility

As an organisation dedicated to bringing art to rural and unexpected locations, we understand the impact that our activities can have on the environment. We are committed to working in an environmentally responsible way and, drawing upon the beautiful landscape of our region, to realise projects that raise public awareness about climate change, loss of biodiversity and sustainability goals.

Key Principles

1. **Minimising Environmental Impact:** Meadow Arts will work diligently to minimise its environmental impact. This includes reducing carbon emissions by travelling by train /lift sharing where possible, encouraging our creative practitioners to use materials that are recycled or upcycled, using sustainable art materials wherever possible and minimising waste generation. The same applies to artists whose work we commission.
2. **Sustainable Practices:** We will implement sustainable practices in all aspects of our work, from exhibition planning and transportation to engagement activities and showing borrowed artworks, new to our region, wherever possible to help limit use of new resources and thus reduce negative environmental impacts wherever possible.
3. **Partnerships for Sustainability:** We will collaborate with our strategic partners across the public and private sectors to collectively achieve common sustainability goals, optimise resources, share, and learn best practice and ensure value for money. This might include peer NPOs, environmental-based organisations such as Culture Declares (Climate) Emergency, Sustainable Art West Midlands, Eco Birmingham, Julie's Bicycle, and the regional Wildlife Trusts.
4. **Community Engagement:** Meadow Arts recognises that sustainability is a collective effort. We will actively engage with our local communities to promote environmental awareness through all of our programme,

Specific Actions

To fulfil our environmental responsibilities, we will:

1. **Reduce Carbon Emissions:** Meadow Arts will work to reduce the carbon emissions associated with our activities. This includes travelling by train to meetings and events wherever possible, carsharing, reducing travel wherever possible, for example by using Zoom /Teams for meetings and by housing our registered office in a shared workspace.
2. **Resource Conservation:** We will actively try to conserve natural resources by implementing resource-efficient practices and minimising waste during exhibitions and events.
3. **Waste Reduction:** We will aim to reduce waste generation by promoting recycling and responsible waste disposal at all our exhibition & event sites and in our offices.
4. **Sustainable Materials:** Meadow Arts will strive to use sustainable and eco-friendly materials in our exhibitions and projects whenever feasible. We will use our *artist commissioning check list*

to promote sustainability across projects, ensuring that creativity and environmental responsibility work hand in hand. We will seek to work with local and sustainable contractors where possible.

5. **Community Engagement:** We will actively engage with local communities, artists, and partners to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices, via appropriately themed art exhibitions (eg Watermark in 2023) and linked engagement programme.
6. **Environmental Impact and Reporting:** We will work with Trustees to monitor our adoption of the ACE Environmental Responsibility IP. We will also gain a better understanding how to use data more effectively when reporting on our environmental impact, by working with a national environmental organisation.

Julie's Bicycle and Climate Action Toolkit

Meadow Arts acknowledges the valuable work of Julie's Bicycle in promoting sustainability in the creative industries. We are committed to staying informed about the latest developments and best practices in the field of environmental sustainability through organisations like Julie's Bicycle and by utilising resources such as the Creative Green Tools.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Meadow Arts is committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work. We recognise that environmental issues can disproportionately affect marginalised communities, and we are dedicated to ensuring that our environmental efforts are inclusive and considerate of all members of our society.

Conclusion

Meadow Arts is dedicated to aligning our environmental practices with the Let's Create strategy, the Environmental Responsibility Investment Principle, and the work of Julie's Bicycle and the Creative Green Tools. By implementing sustainable practices and engaging with our local communities, we aim to continue delivering high-quality contemporary art while minimising our environmental impact and contributing to a more sustainable future for all.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees in December 2023 and updated in December 2025. **Review Date – December 2026.**

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