

LITTLE GREEN BOOK

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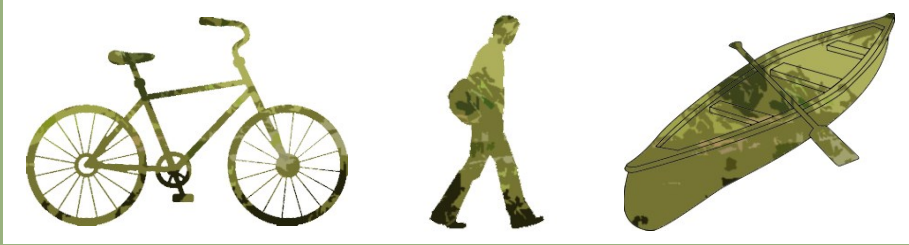


Introduction

This Little Green Book is to encourage us to be an environmentally responsible organisation.

It is designed for a small rural based arts organisation that runs arts projects and tours performances and exhibitions locally, nationally and internationally. The issues we have focused on reflect our activities and how we can achievably reduce our carbon footprint.

Alongside the Little Green Book we are compiling an online directory of suppliers that we have found and used that have sustainable credentials and clear environmental policies. Please share this Little Green Book with others and tell us of suppliers, local or elsewhere, you would like to recommend.



Transport and Travel

We will organise transport that encourages the maximum efficiency of fuel and time combined with the personal and professional demands of working by :

- Co-ordinating meetings and touring in a resourceful manner.
- Encouraging car sharing and the use of local car sharing sites.
- Use smaller-engine cars where possible.
- Organising group travel when appropriate, for example hiring a minibus.
- Encouraging use of public transport.
- Designing events that can encourage active transport like cycling, walking and boating.
- Restricting air travel to destinations beyond the UK only.
- Reducing the need to travel by using internet conferencing and Skype where possible.
- Monitoring project mileage.



Communications

We will develop our use of technology and the internet to make our communications more environmentally friendly by:

- Using social media and online information to reduce the amount of printed materials required for publicity purposes.
- Ensuring that images are web-resolution to minimise energy consumption and facilitate use in areas disadvantaged by low broadband speeds.
- Using internet conferencing and Skype.
- Using online management tools like Basecamp to share information between project partners.
- Sharing the Little Green Book online.



Materials and Services

We will:

- Source materials and services locally.
- Source materials and services from companies that have green credentials and clear environmental policies.
- Create an online directory of suppliers that have sustainable credentials and clear environmental policies.

Recycling

We will:

- Use recycle suppliers (scrap stores, second-hand shops and freecycle network).
- Use recycled paper and card for printed materials.
- Recycle materials, props and costumes.
- Use re-chargeable batteries and recycle printer ink cartridges.
- Invest in equipment and technology that can be shared more widely.



Catering

When providing catering at events we will:

- Make use of local catering facilities.
- Promote locally produced and sourced food.
- Discourage the use of single-use plastic cups, plates, spoons by providing crockery and cutlery, or by asking people to supply their own.



Venues

When hiring venues we will prioritise those that:

- Actively use other forms of renewable energy (wood, ground source, hydro).
- Promote recycling within the venue.
- Offer catering facilities.

This Environmental Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors of Tabula Rasa on Monday March 10th 2014.

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