

Environment Policy

Puppet Animation Scotland strives to operate in an environmentally sustainable manner, developing systems to measure and reduce our environmental impacts and applying this to daily operations. We advocate for environmentally sustainable behaviours among the individuals and organisations we work with and support.

We aim to:

- Support and advocate for an increased awareness of our environmental commitments to our venue, organisation and artist network, nationally and internationally.
- Be aware of our carbon footprint and being carbon conscious.
- To collaborate and partner with ethical organisations who share our environmental commitment.

PAS has aspired to be environmentally aware and encouraging of sustainable practice since 2013 and we continue to do so. Our current achievements can be seen in the opening paragraphs of our Environment Action Plan. PAS is a Green Arts Member and part of Creative Carbon Scotland's (CCS) Green Arts Initiative. We currently have an accurate understanding of our carbon footprint with reference to travel, using CCS's portal claimexpenses.com to measure our consumption. We have developed our own schemes for encouraging Green thinking amongst staff including our 'Stay Green Bus Scheme' and 'Cycle Scheme' which encourages staff to use public transport, or cycle to work. Developed by our Green Champion they show PAS's investment in being environmentally conscious. PAS continues to grow it's understanding of our environmental impact by attending CCS led workshops, seminars and contributing to case studies and projects.

For the period 2017-2021, we have identified three areas of focus within our Environment Action Plan which support our organisational aims:

- Internal and external **advocacy** for our environmental ambitions.
- To **measure, reduce and neutralise PAS's carbon footprint** with respect to our consumption of paper.
- To **collaborate** with other individuals, artists and organisations who are environmentally conscious and are interested in sustainable practices.

At the end of the period 2017-2021, we intend to have:

- Our commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable practice recognised within the PAS brand.
- All PAS communications and digital platforms will provide artists and audiences with information about our environmental commitments, tools and advocacy materials.
- To have an accurate understanding of PAS's carbon footprint in terms of paper usage, both internally and with our marketing materials.
- A strategy for the reduction of our carbon footprint with reference to paper usage for the period 2021-2024.
- Identified a method for neutralising our carbon footprint with reference to paper usage.
- Secured funds to support our ambitions to be carbon neutral.
- Identified and connected with those organisations, artists and individuals who are environmentally aware and committed to sustainable practices.
- A statement for other artists and organisations outlining our environmental responsibilities which must be adhered to where possible.

Evidence of the supporting actions connecting to each of the aims can be found in our Environment Action Plan which was developed with support from CCS, our Board members and staff. The action plan is led by our Green Arts Champion and supported by the chair of our Board.