

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Scottish Government has set a target of cutting Co2 emissions by 42% by 2020 and by 80% by 2050. It encourages all public bodies to set their own targets to help achieve this national aim through mitigation, adaptation and acting sustainably.

As a public body Creative Scotland (Puppet Animation Scotland's main funder) is required to develop and implement an environment policy and to report against this annually, primarily through engaging with the organisations it funds and supports.

Puppet Animation Scotland strives to operate in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner, developing systems to measure and reduce our environmental impacts and applying them as rigorously as possible to all our programmes and activities.

As a charitable organisation in receipt of public funding we believe passionately that we have a responsibility to demonstrate our wholehearted commitment to sustainability, minimising the environmental impact of our activities, while maximising their benefit to the audiences we cater for and the artists we work with.

Our Creative Scotland funding obligations require us to monitor and plan to reduce our carbon emissions. More importantly, the reduction of carbon consumption helps improve efficiency and save money and materials. It's also the right thing to do, given the current depletion of the world's finite resources.

We:

- Advocate passionately for environmentally sustainable behaviours among the all the many Scottish-based, UK and international individuals, venues and organisations we work with and support
- Collaborate practically with ethically-run organisations who share our environmental commitment and concerns, to promote greater awareness and action
- Record regularly the details of our carbon consumption and take practical, progressive steps to reduce further our current carbon footprint
- Report annually on our carbon usage and our strategies to mitigate our consumption to demonstrate how we contribute practically to an environmentally aware and sustainable Scotland

Over the past decade PAS has worked consistently to be environmentally aware and supportive of meaningful sustainable practice. Our current achievements and future practical plans for emissions reductions can be seen in our current Environment Action Plan.

Our environmental commitments: Operations

We:

- Run a greener office through efficient use of our lighting, heating, recycling and waste management needs and activities
- Encourage our staff to use public transport for all official travel, and only when necessary
- Ensure that environmental sustainability is every staff member's responsibility and is built into

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job descriptions and contracts

- Monitor, evaluate and report on our carbon consumption in this area annually

Our environmental commitments: Suppliers and equipment

We:

- Work with suppliers who operate in a sustainable manner and who - where possible - have environmental aims, objectives and a policies which are similar to our own
- Buy equipment that is as energy efficient as possible, balanced against cost effectiveness, and where possible is sourced locally
- Monitor, evaluate and report on our carbon consumption in this area annually

Our environmental commitments: Communications

We:

- Communicate digitally via e-mail, our websites, social media or in person wherever possible, and use print only when necessary
- Aim, where print is required, to source suppliers who operate sustainably and use sustainable and/or recycled materials
- Always encourage recycling of our printed materials
- Aim to articulate clearly our environmental responsibilities, aims and objectives on all our various communication platforms
- Monitor, evaluate and report on our carbon consumption in this area annually

Our environmental commitments: Working with artists and organizations

We:

- Aim to provide clear and practical guidance for all those with whom we work, setting out aspirations and achievable goals for environmentally responsible, positive and sustainable actions and behavior
- Monitor, evaluate and report on our carbon consumption in this area annually

Evidence of the supporting actions connecting to each of the aims can be found in our current Environmental Action Plan, which was developed with support from Creative Carbon Scotland, our board of directors and staff. This policy and accompanying action plan is led by our Green Arts Champion and supported fully and passionately by all members of staff and our board of directors.