

# Arts Council of Wales

## Environmental Policy

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The Arts Council of Wales is the country's official funding and development organisation for the arts. Our principal sponsor is the Welsh Government. We also distribute funding from the National Lottery and raise additional money where we can from other public and private sector sources.

Working together with the Welsh Government, we support and promote the important contribution that the arts make to Wales.

The principles enshrined in the Welsh Government's Well being of Future Generations Act are fundamental to what we do. This means that we consider the future impact of our decisions and programmes of work, operating wherever we can in a sustainable and environmentally aware fashion. As such, we strive to meet or exceed all environmental laws and regulations which relate to the environmental aspects of our business.

We also seek to influence others and to encourage good environmental performance through the funding relationships that we have with artists, arts organisations and other partners.

Our approach is two fold: firstly, acting as an advocate of the principles of well being and sustainability; and, by taking a continuous improvement approach to protecting the environment and monitoring and reviewing those activities that are identified as having a negative environmental impact.

All Capital projects require specific environmental targets to be applied to construction to achieve BREEAM standards.

Arts Council of Wales will employ a preventative approach to environmental concerns. We will design and adopt technologies, operating procedures and methods of procurement that demonstrate this commitment

Meeting our environmental commitments is a corporate responsibility and applies to all Council members, staff, agents and appointees.

Council's Executive Leadership Team is responsible for promoting and monitoring this policy through our Performance Management Procedures. Appropriate monitoring information will be produced to support this and published in our annual statutory accounts.

All staff and other relevant parties will be made aware of this policy (and relevant procedures). Training will be offered to those whose responsibilities have a direct impact on environmental matters

Compliance with the policy will include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

- Pollution Prevention and minimisation
- Compliance with obligations relating to our Environmental Aspects
- Purchasing (procurement) of equipment and goods, print and publications
- Disposal of equipment and waste materials
- Energy use
- Travel
- Grants Management

A key aspect of our work is persuading our key partners – the cohort of annually funded organisations that make up our Arts Portfolio Wales – to improve the sustainability of their work.

We will continue to research ways of more accurately measuring and reporting on the Portfolio’s environmental performance.

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Next Review (Annual)	April 2025	Manager Facilities and Procurement/ External Audit

Signature:



Date: 30 July 2024

Note: Signature of person responsible for implementation of policy (eg, CEO, president or owner)