



Buxton
International
Festival

BUXTON ARTS FESTIVAL LTD

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Our Impacts

BIF is committed to reducing the negative environmental impacts of our own activities, in particular those relating to:

- The office: energy use, water use and waste
- Business travel and staff commuting: energy use
- Communications materials: use of resources (mainly paper and inks) and transport for printed materials and use of energy for storage, downloading, streaming and/or online reading for digital communications
- Events: energy use, water use, food, waste, transport and travel
- The goods and services we choose for our office: notably stationery, ICT and electronic equipment, furniture and cleaning
- Business services: notably website, data and email server hosting and banking

Our Commitments

BIF is committed to understanding, measuring, improving and communicating our environmental performance and engaging management and staff in this process. Our key areas of focus for reducing our impacts are:

- Identifying and implementing actions to reduce energy and water use, reduce waste and increase recycling
- Reducing the impacts of business travel and staff commuting: avoiding travel where possible by using Skype and telecommunications and encouraging the use of zero or low-carbon travel modes, eg walking, cycling, journey sharing, travelling by public transport and train where possible for longer journeys and European travel and avoiding flying for journeys in England, Scotland and Wales
- Integrating environmental and ethical considerations when choosing supplies and services for our business operations, especially stationery, equipment, furniture, cleaning, banking, website and email hosting
- Working with suppliers and contractors to reduce the impacts of our publications and events
- Reducing our digital and ICT impacts

As a values-driven organisation, BIF is also committed to ensuring staff well-being, notably by providing a safe, open and co-operative working environment, professional development and training opportunities, good terms and conditions of employment.

In the event that BIF opts for carbon offsetting its unavoidable emissions, in particular from business travel, we are committed to using best practice carbon offsetting schemes or other best practice alternatives such as carbon retirement.

We are committed to working with our Board, management, suppliers, funders and our external stakeholders to ensure we understand and communicate the environmental impacts of our activities. We will produce an annual report on our environmental performance and progress, and make this available both internally and externally.

This policy is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors and updated as and when necessary. The policy is supported by an Environmental Action Plan. The action plan is informed by our environmental monitoring and measurement, and feedback from engaging with our internal and external stakeholders. It is reviewed and updated on an annual basis and approved by management.

This Environmental Policy is endorsed by:

Michael Williams
Chief Executive

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