



Significant Seams

Decarbonisation Policy

Background

In Autumn 2021 Significant Seams artistic associates discussed and agreed that a robust environmental policy was needed and should be meaningfully informed by our individual and collective art practices, emerging guidance on decarbonisation best practices, and market considerations.

Supported by training and engagements with Art & Energy CIC, the School for Social Entrepreneurs SouthWest Accelerator programme, and the Velocity Accelerator Programme, a framework for decarbonisation planning was adopted.

Catherine West and Just Sewn Stories undertook drafting an action plan that reflected Artistic Associates' values and charted a practical course of action. In this process, they invited all associates to engage with a number of internet based carbon calculator tools to raise the profile, awareness and expectation of discussion and consideration of our collective carbon footprint.

Significant Seams skeletal organisation structure both keeps the organisation carbon footprint low, but potentially obscures some of our carbon output. I.e. As our team is composed of freelancers with individual carbon profiles, some measurement and modifying of our output is beyond our control.

As such, our policy and plans emphasize influence, learning, and values led decision-making.

Decarbonisation Policy Statement

Significant Seams finds inspiration and regeneration through engagement with the environment and believe we all share a responsibility to work towards NetZero. To achieve NetZero, climate friendly action needs to pervade all of our work. We have an action plan with quarterly review targets, giving our ecological performance equal prominence to our financial performance.

It is our approach to prioritise climate friendly approaches:

- preferring and encouraging the use of natural fibres, prolonging the life of synthetics, caring for textiles and better understanding of what has gone into their creation and distribution.
- Shopping local, shopping social, and planning ahead. We will use whatever purchasing power we have to buy from businesses and providers that demonstrate strong social values. We will also reduce carbon miles on our purchases wherever possible and practicable.

- working with like minded partners whenever possible to increase reach and impact.
- Informing our funders and clients of our values, as well as our green credentials, and requesting funding to support the climate related costs in our work.

Significant Seams has particular insight and potential for influence around climate issues related to the textile industry, as well the skills to support people in learning practical actions they can take to reduce their carbon profile. We will pursue projects that enable us to share these insights, and embed sharing across our work in all practicable ways.

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