

Plinth

Sustainability Policy

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1. Purpose

This policy outlines our commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible practices in line with UK legal obligations and our values as a cultural institution. We aim to reduce our environmental impact and promote sustainability through all aspects of our operations.

2. Legal Compliance

We are committed to complying with all relevant UK environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

- **Environmental Protection Act 1990**
- **Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011**
- **The Climate Change Act 2008**
- **UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations**
- **UK REACH Regulations (chemicals and substances)**
- **Building and Energy Efficiency Standards (e.g., EPC requirements)**

3. Key Principles

We commit to the following principles:

Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Minimise waste through re-use, digital communications, and responsible procurement.
- Provide recycling facilities for paper, packaging, plastics, and electronics.
- Ensure responsible disposal of all hazardous and electrical waste in accordance with WEEE regulations.

Energy Efficiency

- Use energy-efficient lighting (e.g., LED) and heating.
- Regularly monitor energy use and aim for reductions annually.
- Encourage staff to switch off unused equipment and lights.

Sustainable Sourcing

- Prioritise eco-friendly and local materials in our products, exhibitions and framing.
- Choose suppliers who demonstrate environmental responsibility.
- Avoid single-use plastics wherever possible.

Transport and Travel

- Encourage staff and visitors to use public transport, cycle, or walk.
- Use low-emission options for artwork transportation when feasible.
- Promote remote meetings to reduce unnecessary travel.

Exhibitions and Events

- Design exhibitions with reusability in mind (e.g., modular displays).
- Use sustainable printing materials (e.g., FSC-certified paper).
- Partner with artists and organisations who share sustainability values.

4. Staff Engagement and Training

- Train staff and volunteers on sustainable practices.
- Encourage suggestions and involvement in environmental initiatives.
- Appoint a sustainability lead to monitor progress and coordinate actions.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- Review this policy annually.
- Measure key environmental impacts (e.g., energy, waste) and set improvement targets.
- Report progress to stakeholders and funders where relevant.

6. Community and Cultural Responsibility

- Use our platform to promote awareness of environmental issues.
- Support eco-conscious artists and events.
- Encourage sustainable practices among our visitors and community.

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Speak With Us

If you have suggestions, feedback, or concerns relating to Sustainability at Plinth please get in touch. We are always learning and open to listening.

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