

Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival Artist Green Rider

The Arts by the Sea Festival is committed to working towards safeguarding our natural environment. In a five-year Environmental Action Plan, the Festival aims to become more ethical, sustainable and reduce our environmental impact, raising awareness of environmental concerns with our venues, artists and audience. Touring has a substantial impact on the environment and we'd like to keep this to a minimum. We have implemented a number of initiatives for our own activities but also need the support of our Artists and Performers, Promoters and other Partners to make the Festival as environmentally sustainable as possible; your help will be highly valued.

What can you do?

Energy – increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions

- Ask your rehearsal and performance venues whether they have an Environmental Policy and Action Plan in place. Do they monitor energy use, buy green energy and encourage staff to 'think green' by turning off computers, lights and heating when not in use?
- Consider energy use in your own performances. Are you using the most energy efficient appliances?

Waste – reduce waste and recycle more

- Recycle as much as possible during your stay in Bournemouth. Ask your accommodation provider and festival venue to recycle appropriate waste, use the recycling bins available around the town and ask the festival team to help you dispose of waste appropriately.
- Consider the materials you use in show production and recycle where possible. Can you recycle your set through Scenery Salvage <http://www.scenerysalvage.com/home/>? Are there ways you can use a closed-loop recycling system (where waste is collected, recycled and then used again to make the same product it came from)?
- Eliminate the use of aerosols and polystyrene in your performances.

Water – reduce water usage

- Consider the use of water in producing and staging your production – can you reduce water waste?
- Refill your bottle rather than buying new whenever you can to minimise plastic bottle waste.

Sustainability

Travel

- Travel sustainably to Bournemouth or while you are here. You can find out about public transport options on the Getting About website <http://www.gettingabout.co.uk/homepage.aspx> or the the council's website <http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/travelandtransport/travelandtransport.aspx>

- Most of our festival venues are in the town centre (the central and lower gardens, town square, pier approach, seafront, bandstand, Pavilion Dance South West, Sixty Million Postcards, the Winchester, the Library) and the Shelley Theatre is in Boscombe, a short bus journey away.
- Our local bus companies are:
 - Yellow Buses <https://www.bybus.co.uk/> and
 - More Buses <http://morebus.co.uk/>.

Hotels

- Check out the Green Tourism Awards website for a list of award-winning hotels with green credentials in the area: <http://www.green-tourism.com/>
 1. The Green House Hotel (Gold) <http://www.thegreenhousehotel.co.uk/>
 2. Best Western Hotel Royale (Gold) <http://www.thehotelroyale.com/>
 3. Hallmark Bournemouth East Cliff (Silver) <http://www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/hotels/Hallmark-Bournemouth-East-Cliff>
 4. Best Western Plus, The Connaught Hotel (Silver) <http://www.theconnaught.co.uk/>
 5. Hallmark Hotel Bournemouth Carlton (Silver) <http://www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk/>

Food & drink

- Search under 'food community' on <http://www.sustainablefoodcity.org/> for local businesses, café and restaurants that source sustainable, Fairtrade or local products. Some suggestions are:
 1. The Arbor Restaurant at the Green House Hotel <http://www.arbor-restaurant.co.uk/>
 2. Mad Cucumber (vegan, locally sourced, seasonal and organic food) <http://www.madcucumber.com/home/>
 3. Schpoons & Forx, at the Hilton (locally sourced and seasonal food) <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-bournemouth-BOHTMHI/dining/schpoonsandforx.html>
 4. Sweet Greens in Charminster (vegan and organic food) <http://sweet-greens.com/>
 5. Skinny Kitchen (locally sourced ingredients) <http://www.skinnykitchen.co/about>
 6. The Stable (locally sourced ingredients) <https://stablepizza.com/story/>
 7. Urban Reef (locally sourced and seasonal food) <http://www.urbanreef.com/>
 8. Espresso Kitchen (organic, fairtrade, locally ground coffee) <http://thetriangle-bournemouth.co.uk/le-bateau/>

Arts by the Sea Festival green objectives 2017

For your information, in 2017 we are concentrating on two core projects.

1. **Reducing plastic waste** from water bottles by encouraging our audience to refill rather than buy new. We aim to map all the drinking water in the town and include bars, restaurants and other venues who want to offer this service too.
2. **Reducing carbon emissions by increasing sustainable travel.** We aim to encourage travel by foot, bike and public transport as much as possible and will be mapping all the cycle parking in the town.