

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 water use 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 council's website <http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/travelandtransport/travelandtransport.aspx>

- Most of our outdoor festival venues are in the town centre (the central and lower gardens, town square, pier approach, seafront, bandstand) and any indoor venues are likely to be in the town centre or 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://oceana-collection.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/food-community> 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/>
 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. The Stable (locally sourced ingredients) <https://stablepizza.com/story/>
 5. Urban Reef (locally sourced and seasonal food) <http://www.urbanreef.com/>
 6. Espresso Kitchen (organic, fairtrade, locally ground coffee) <http://thetriangle-bournemouth.co.uk/le-bateau/>

Arts by the Sea Festival green objectives 2018

In 2018, we are concentrating on three core projects to build on the work from 2017.

1. **Refill** – refill your water bottle rather than buying new to reduce plastic waste. We have partnered with Litter Free Coast and Sea to promote their amazing Refill Scheme. We have mapped all the drinking water in the town and include bars, restaurants and other venues who want to offer this service too. How about refilling your coffee cup too, rather than using disposable cups that are really hard to recycle? We are promoting Refill-Here's scheme to reduce waste from takeaway cups for hot drinks.
2. **Recycle** – we're encouraging everyone to recycle as much as possible when they visit the festival. More information will be on our website, or speak to the festival team about what you can do. If you can't recycle in town, we're encouraging people to take their litter with them and recycle at home.
3. **Sustainable travel** – we'd like to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging sustainable travel. Please travel by foot, bike and public transport as much as possible - we've mapped all the cycle parking in the town on our website.