

Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival Venue Green Rider

Your name:

Name of venue:

The Arts by the Sea Festival is committed to working towards safeguarding our natural environment. In a three-year Sustainability 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. Large events have 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 venues and partners to make the Festival as environmentally sustainable as possible; your help will be highly valued.

Please use this Green Rider to reflect on your own practices and to explore opportunities to make sustainable changes. To help our team monitor our broader impact, please return a completed copy to a member of the Arts by the Sea Team: culture@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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Energy:

Did you know, a typical microwave uses more electricity to keep its digital clock on standby than it does heating food? Here are some actions you can take to keep energy-use low:

- Encourage staff to 'think green' by turning off computers, lights and heating when not in use.
- Change your energy supplier and reduce carbon emissions by buying green energy.
- At the end of their life, replace old appliances with the most energy efficient version.

Please outline 3 ways you consciously work towards lowering your venue's energy-use:	
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2.	–
3.	–

[Do you have an energy monitoring or green plan for your venue? Please share a link here or attach a copy when returning this form.]

Waste:

It's predicted that by 2025, the world's cities will produce over three times more waste than in 2009. We are encouraging going low-waste and recycling where waste is unavoidable:

- Invest in more durable, long-lasting and eco-friendly materials.
- Consider signing up as a Refill station to encourage using reusing bottles and reducing plastic waste: [Add a Refill Station | Refill | Join the Refill movement](#)
- Recycle as much as possible and provide clearly labelled recycling facilities backstage, in dressing rooms and public areas for all paper, cans, plastic and glass.
- Provide a list of your in-house production equipment available for use by artists so they don't bring unnecessary equipment on the road.

1. Do you use any of the following in your venue?

- Single-use plastic cups: Yes / No
- Single-use plastic straws: Yes / No
- Single-serving sachets/condiment packets: Yes/No
- Non LED lightbulbs/lighting: Yes / No
- Plastic water bottles for artists: Yes / No
- Non environmentally-friendly/ toxic cleaning products: Yes / No

Will you use any of the above when hosting for Arts by the Sea?

No / Yes: _____

Will you make any effort to change your use of any of the above for Arts by the Sea?

No / Yes: _____

2. Do you have any policies or processes to reduce or reuse your food waste? For example, taking part in 'Too Good To Go', composting food waste, or offering portion size options?

3. Do you recycle materials where possible? Please share how and what you recycle, including if you use a closed-loop recycling system (where waste is collected, recycled and then used again to make the same product it came from):

Water: _____

Did you know that older toilets can use 3 gallons of clean water with every flush, while new toilets use as little as 1 gallon? While water use is often essential, there are some ways that you can reduce unnecessary water waste:

- Invest in eco-friendly appliances and facilities (E.g. dish washing, toilets)
- Monitor your water use and work towards making improvements

1. Please outline 2 ways you consciously work towards lowering your venue's water-use: (This could be through eco-friendly/dual flush toilets, only running dishwashers when full etc.)

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Procurement and Ethos

Bournemouth is recognised as a [FairTrade Town](#), a [Sustainable Food City](#) and is the world's first [Sustainable Fish City](#). We want to support and showcase venues that have sustainability and ethics at the heart of their company.

1) Does your venue offer/use any of the following? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ FairTrade (or fairly traded) items
- ☐ Organic items
- ☐ Locally-sourced items
- ☐ MSC label (or similar sustainably sourced fish)
- ☐ Sustainably farmed/produced items
- ☐ A varied amount of vegan options
- ☐ A varied amount of vegetarian options
- ☐ Recycled paper for printing/marketing
- ☐ Environmentally friendly inks for printing/marketing
- ☐ E-tickets, tickets audiences can show on their smart-phone (to avoid printing)
- ☐ Facilities for staff who cycle to work (Cycle to Work scheme, showers, storage for bikes/equipment)
- ☐ Schemes to support public safety (Ask For Angela, spiking test kits, staff training on safety and how to signpost effectively) run in the last 3 years
- ☐ Schemes to support accessibility (physical improvements to building, sensory-friendly events, staff training on accessibility/mental health) run in the last 3 years
- ☐ Events or activities that support national campaigns and uplift minority groups (Black History Month, Pride, Disability Awareness/Appreciation months/days etc.)

2) Does your venue communicate any of the following to the public (via digital media, emails or your website etc.)? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ How to travel sustainably to your venue (bus/train/cycle routes and secure bike bays)
- ☐ How to avoid unnecessary ticket printing
- ☐ Your vegan/vegetarian options
- ☐ Your environmental policy, action plan and/or green credentials
- ☐ Your procurement commitment and green efforts (E.g. Fairtrade)
- ☐ Your green successes or how you are working to be more sustainable

Please share more details with us about the sustainable ethos and efforts of your venue:

Any other comments?

By keeping this document concise, we know we may have missed some important areas. All information is useful information so have a think if there's anything else you do that you want to mention now!

Is there anything else that is relevant to sustainability/the environment/global ethics that you'd like to share with us?

Feel free to share suggestions of how we can improve Arts by the Sea Festival's sustainability here too: