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Environmental Policy



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Our Commitments

At SAVVY environmental responsibility sits at the heart of our work alongside our other core values. SAVVY is committed to providing a quality service that minimises our potential impact on the environment.

We aim to work to the Advanced Standard of the Theatre Green Book and are guided by the Arts Council environmental investment principles: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/lets-create/investment-principles-resource-hub>

In line with the Theatre Green Book and the Arts Council's environmental investment principles, we will strive to:

- improve our environmental performance
- minimise the impact and damage of our activities
- build environmental responsibility into future activities.

Monitoring and Reporting Targets

Over the next two years, SAVVY will:

- ensure we set environmental targets for our productions and for our company
- appoint a 'Sustainability Champion' to evaluate these targets, using the Creative Green Tools Carbon Calculator to assess our carbon footprint
- continue to monitor our environmental impact and work to reduce our carbon footprint, exploring effective methods of calculating our carbon footprint with tools such as:

<https://ig-tools.com/organisations/savvy-theatre/home>

<https://juliesbicycle.com>

<https://theatregreenbook.com>

Our Areas of Focus

People

- We promote environmental awareness among our SAVVY community and encourage them to behave in an environmentally responsible manner, offering information and support to help them achieve this.
- We endeavour to work with other companies who support and pursue environmentally friendly policies.
- We promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner using the Green Book as guidance.

Our Sustainability Champion will support SAVVY to maintain our environmental accountability.

Place

SAVVY is working with BHLive (the operators of Fairfield Halls), to ensure we both support their environmental policies for Fairfield Halls and flag any potential issues related to the venue's environmental impact.

Please see the Fairfield Halls Environmental Policy for further information.

Production

- We incorporate green planning into the earliest stages of our work to ensure sustainability is at the heart of the SAVVY approach to our productions.
- We regularly recycle and upcycle props, costumes and set items.
- We source materials from community scrap schemes, charity shops and regularly accept donations of props, costumes and set.
- Ensure any new materials are environmentally friendly.
- SAVVY does not tour regularly, does not own any vehicles, and encourages the use of public transport and car sharing for work taking place off-site.
- If ordering online, we endeavour to reduce last minute and multiple deliveries.
- We request all artists who need to hire transport to use electric or hybrid vehicles where possible.
- We endeavour to work with other companies who support and pursue environmentally friendly policies.
- In the creation of our props and sets we avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of.

Tech

- Exploring Green Web Hosting alternatives such as: <https://unlimited.earth/green-web-hosting/>
- In our studio we use LED lights which are 70% more energy efficient.

Office & General

- We aim to only use cleaning products
- Recycle and dispose responsibly of any office equipment no longer in use.
- Where possible printing is done double-sided and paper used (and bought) is recycled.
- Will ensure heating is turned off at the end of the day and no lights are left on in the SAVVY Studio.

This policy will be reviewed by SAVVY Theatre Company every 2 years, or earlier if there are changes to legislation or an incident relating to these policies. Copies of this document are made available to all employed facilitators (paid or voluntary), group members of SAVVY Theatre Company and their parent/carers via our website and on request.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be forwarded to:

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