

Norwich
Arts
Centre.
Environmental Policy



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Welcome to Norwich Arts Centre

Norwich Arts Centre is a small, independently run venue with charitable status (Charity No: 274803) situated close to the centre of Norwich. It is also an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.

Vision

Create / Nurture / Engage

Mission

Norwich Arts Centre provides quality cultural experiences. We nurture creativity and emerging talent across a range of art forms and deliver a stimulating, engaging programme to a diverse audience. We continually question and adapt to the changes around us to ensure we are an authentic, welcoming venue for all.

Core Values

1. Talent Developers
2. Inclusive
3. Environmentally Responsible
4. Financially Resilient

Environmental Action Plan



Environmental Policy

Norwich Arts Centre aims to:

- Continue to reduce Norwich Arts Centre's energy consumption and CO2 emissions and reduce landfill waste by composting and recycling more.
- Build on partnerships with local environmental communities and groups.
- Integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making and activities.
- Continue to improve on our environmental commitment of the organisation from procurement to programming and embed it in our core and strategic values.
- Develop our outside garden space to increase wildlife activity and as a well being space for staff and community groups to enjoy.
- To continue to programme events, markets and workshops as part of our new series of environmental events, Green Shoots.



NAC Declares Climate Emergency

By declaring a climate emergency we've made a commitment to take action to reduce our co2 emissions and carbon footprint to limit the climate crisis. We will continue to put environmental sustainability at the heart of our operation and programming and aim to lead by example.

NAC awarded Gold Level with Norfolk Carbon Charter

Following Norwich Arts Centre's assessment in April 2022, the Carbon Charter Panel approved Norwich Arts Centre's accreditation at Gold Level.





The climate crisis takes centre stage at NAC...

Bringing together creatives, academics, conservationists, activists and other collaborators, Dodo, Phoenix, Butterfly: Dramatising the Climate Crisis, was part of a two-day symposium, Nature. Drama. Crisis at NAC with activist, author and associate professor of philosophy at UEA, Dr Rupert Read.

Building a slow Fashion community in Norwich

A new collaborating with We Wear The Trousers to host regular community event Swap-O-Rama! A clothes swap event with talks and workshops championing DIY fashion. Part of our new environmental series of events at NAC, Green Shoots.



NAC supported The Neutrinos to go to COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow to perform Darkroom, a one audience member sound and senses performance in complete darkness.



Swap ~ 0 ~ Rama

**Norwich Arts Centre
Sunday 23 July
1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Bring up to ten items to swap,
drop off from 10am on the day.
Swap opens from 2.30pm.

Social, talks & workshops from
1.30pm - this time we have the
Slow Fashion Learning Zone,
plus learn to sew a scrunchie
using waste fabric!

**£6 Waged adults
£4 Unwaged & U-18s
Under-14s FREE**

***Make a
scrunchie
from waste
fabric***

urban foxes collective

MOTHERLOAD!

A DARK COMEDY
FOR THE
END OF DAYS

'AN HILARIOUS HOUR OF DEEPLY
MOVING COMIC THEATRE'

★★★★★
BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE

★★★★★
UK THEATRE NETWORK

**SUNDAY 14 MAY | 8PM
NORWICH ARTS CENTRE** **PAY WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD**

NAC will continue to programme a number of events that promote environmental awareness.

Objective	Action	Measurement	Financial	Staff	Timeframe
General Building					
Reduce consumption	Install solar panels to power some of the buildings electricity, which will reduce energy bills	Reduced heating bill / Lower CO2 emissions	£7,000	Capital	By 2028
Reduce consumption	Perspex or draft excluding materials on all single glazed windows to reduce energy escaping.	Reduced heating bill/ Lower CO2 emissions	£150	Bradley	completed 2017
Reduce pollution	Replace convector fans more new energy efficient ones with built in thermostatic controls	Reduced heating bill/ Lower CO2 emissions	£20,000	Capital	completed 2019
Reduce Consumption & CO2	New Motion sensor taps installed in all toilets	Reduced water consumption	£2,000	Capital	completed 2020
Reduce Consumption & CO2	Replace old boilers with a new gas condensing boiler	between 10 - 20% in more efficiency	£20,000	Capital	completed 2019
Reduce consumption	Install more thermostats into the building; keep heating on for longer at a constant temperature.	Reduced heating bill	£300	Bradley	completed 2019
Reduce pollution	Look at the chemicals and cleaning products and source more environmentally friendly and less toxic products.	n/a	Minimal/no cost	Will	Completed 2017
Reduce Consumption	Remove boarding from the church windows within the Auditorium & Install secondary glazing and curtains, allowing natural light into the space.	Reduced energy cost & improve aesthetics	15k - 20k	Capital	Completed 2020, other windows could be done
Reduce CO2	Prioritise the use of electric cars when using taxis for staff and artists	Reduced CO2 usage	Minimal	Bradley	On going

Marketing and Media

Reduce Carbon Footprint	1. Switched print suppliers to local printers with a high standard of environmental awareness. Brochure is now a certified Carbon neutral product. 2. Reduced number of printed posters and flyers.	Reduced paper use	No cost	Kelly & Grace	Summer 2019
Increase awareness	Increased public engagement through website, social media and press. Instagram pictures, Instagram stories, Facebook posts, articles on stories blog and press releases to local paper.	Customer engagement	No cost	Kelly & Grace	Summer 2019

Bar

Reduce consumption	Provide staff and artists with reusable water bottles for them to fill up with tap water to reduce the number of bottles being used. Also ask staff to use mugs rather than paper cups, when having hot drinks. Ban single use plastic bottles.	Less water bottles and paper cups going to landfill.		Pasco	completed 2019
Reduce waste and consumption	Install a water cooler into the dressing room to reduce the number of water bottles used and thrown away. Norwich Arts Centre has become a founding member of Norwich Refill, a movement encouraging public use of reusable water bottles.	Reduced water bottle usage and money saving	Savings of £700+ per annum	Bradley	completed 2017
Reduce pollution	Change alcohol suppliers to local firm, Adnams, meaning a greater percentage of keg products are produced within a 40-mile radius, reducing carbon footprint. Ale barrels are 95% sourced from within the same radius.	Reduced carbon footprint	N/A	Will	completed 2016
Increase awareness	Introduce a green rider policy, all things to be environmentally friendly, locally sourced or low carbon footprint	1. Written into new artist contracts 2. Implementation	Cost minimal	Bradley & Pasco	completed 2016

Programming

Raise Awareness	Program /commission a number of shows that are of an environmental awareness nature at Norwich Arts Centre and The Halls	Ticket sales	Minimal	Pasco & Bradley	completed 2020
Raise Awareness	Working with local outside organisations to promote enviromental issues	Public Engagement	Minimal	Bradley & Pasco	completed 2020
Reduce consumption	Host a regular jumble sale to encourage recycling	Public engagement	No cost	Bradley	completed 2018
Technical					
Reduce consumption	Purchase all new LX stock that will be LED.	Reduced energy bill between 60-70% en-ergy savings	£70,000	Capital	completed 2019
Reduce consumption	Replace worker lights in the auditorium with LED bulbs.	Reduced energy bill	£1,000	Alex	completed 2019
Reduce Consumption	Replaced all batttries with rechargeable	Reduced waste to landfill	Minimal	Bradley	completed 2019
Front of House & Box Office					
Increase awareness	All staff to add, "Please consider the environ-ment before printing this email" to their email signature to remind the recipient not to waste paper.	N/A	No cost	Kelly / Grace	completed 2017
Reduce consumption	Ticketless box office system	N/A	£500	Bradley	completed 2019
Reduce pollution	When sending out booking email/ticket refer-ence, provide ticket holders with public transport information.	N/A	No cost	Kelly / Grace	completed 2018
Digital and IT					
Reduce consumption	Encourage all staff to avoid printing documents and to use cloud based systems	Paper bill decrease	No cost	Bradley	completed 2017
Reduce usage	All computers to have default power saving set-ting and default to print double sided.	Reduced energy usage and paper usage	Minimal	Bradley	completed 2017

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