



Norwich  
Arts  
Centre.  
Environmental Policy

# 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.

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## NAC 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

### Talent Developers

We nurture creativity through opportunity

### Inclusive

We believe strongly in equality of access and are committed to removing barriers

### Environmental Responsibility

We put environmental sustainability at the heart of our operation and programming and aim to lead by example

### Financial Resilience

We work hard to ensure financial resilience through strategic programming

# Environmental Aims 2024-2025

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Continue to reduce Norwich Arts Centre's energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and reduce landfill waste by recycling more.

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Build on partnerships with local environmental communities and groups.

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Integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making.

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Continue to improve on our environmental commitment of the organisation from procurement to programming and embed it in our core and strategic values.

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Develop our outside garden space to diversify wildlife activity and to act as a well being space for staff and community groups to enjoy.

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To continue to programme events, markets and workshops as part of our new series of environmental events, Green Shoots.

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Increase social media activities around our environmental commitment.

# Environmental Action Plan



# NAC Declares Climate Emergency

By declaring a climate emergency we've made a commitment to take action to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> 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 Partnership

Norwich Friends of the Earth are working to help protect and sustain the natural environment in Norwich and the surrounding area. They aim to bring people together to promote positive change and work with other groups across the city collaboratively towards shared goals.



# The Adnams Hall Bar

For our bar, we take care to select local produce where possible and work with suppliers who take their environmental responsibility seriously.

Some of our suppliers are Adnams, Melville and Mayell, Norfolk Gin, Gyre & Gimble, St Giles, Redwell Brewery and Wildcraft Brewery. Adnam's Kobold English Lager supports the work of the Blue Marine Foundation. Wildcraft brewery forage for many of their ingredients. Innovative Gin-makers Gyre & Gimble have a (almost) zero-waste cocktail bar.

## 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...

Renowned artist & ecologist  
Richard Layzell

**Psychosomatic**  
Film showing & live performance

Norwich Arts Centre  
Thursday 23 November 2023  
Pay What You Can Afford  
Tickets from [norwichartscentre.co.uk](http://norwichartscentre.co.uk)



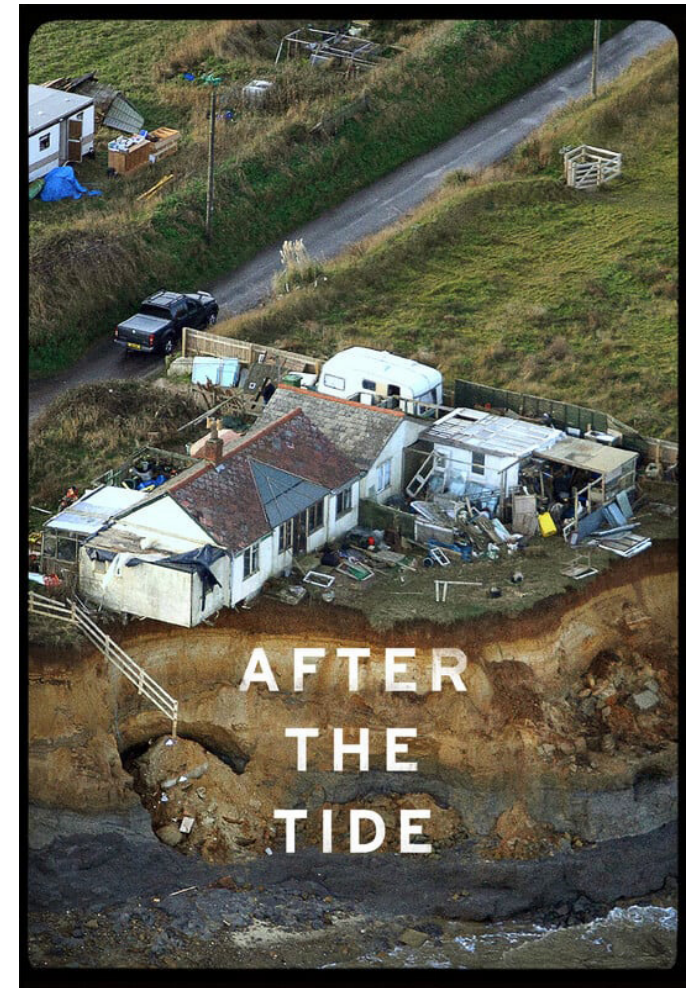
**Richard Layzell** – Nov 2023

An exploration of ecology meeting art practice, with themes touching on ecological breakdown and social justice.



**James Campbell** – Oct 2024

A new live comedy show that's perfect for anyone who wants to swap being an Eco Worrier for being an Eco Warrior.



**Joseph Harrington** – March 2024

After the Tide screening. A documentary about the coastal erosion in Happisburgh.



**Elephant** - June 2024

In a house balanced on an eroding cliff in North Norfolk, local recluse Manny gets a surprise visit.



**THE  
STARLING  
HOTLINE**

**Jess Morgan** - July 2024

A storytelling show about climate, community, and citizen science in a pre-internet age.



**SALT** - May 2024

Rooted in the myth, magic and folklore of Norfolk, SALT is a visceral tale of faith, jealousy and demonic passion.



**Phoenix Dodo Butterfly** - May 2024

Collaboration with NAC, this event showcases 3 scenarios for a future beyond the current climate emergency.



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.

The Neutrinos in Edinburgh 2023 presented two very different shows in the same lounge-like space: Inhaus sat the audience in the middle of a pop gig, while Darkroom's quiet soundtrack drew listeners to earthbound contemplation.

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

# DARK ROOM

THE NEUTRINOS PRESENT  
**DARK ROOM : LISTEN IN**

10 MINUTES OF ORDINARY TIME, DAILY, 3 TIMES AN HOUR

DEC 21ST - 24TH +  
DEC 26TH - 1ST JAN

A SOUND INSTALLATION FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

90 UPPER SAINT GILES,  
NORWICH NR2 1LT

BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
[WWW.NEUTRINOS.CO.UK](http://WWW.NEUTRINOS.CO.UK)

LISTEN IN  
SOLO-AUDIENCE SHOW - JUST YOU - COVID SAFE



# Building a slow Fashion community in Norwich

We teamed up with Norwich City of Sanctuary, New Routes Integration and City College Norwich to help them appeal for Winter shoes and boots.

All donations were given to local refugee charity, New Routes Integration, to meet a demand for warm shoes and boots this winter.

**WINTER FOOTWEAR COLLECTION**

**URGENTLY NEEDED!**  
PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY,  
NEARLY NEW FOOTWEAR TO  
NORWICH ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE

PLEASE DONATE ON  
**SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER**  
10-3PM

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL REFUGEE CHARITY, *NEW ROUTES INTEGRATION*, TO MEET A DEMAND FOR WARM SHOES AND BOOTS THIS WINTER

LET'S SEE HOW MANY PAIRS WE CAN COLLECT IN JUST ONE DAY!

PLEASE - NO WORN-OUT, BROKEN FOOTWEAR

ORGANISED BY NORWICH ARTS CENTRE, IN COLLABORATION WITH NORWICH CITY OF SANCTUARY, NEW ROUTES INTEGRATION AND CITY COLLEGE NORWICH

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# Swap-O-Rama

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.

**Swap ~ O ~ Rama**

**Norwich Arts Centre**  
**Sunday 15 October**  
**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 are saying **BOO!** to landfill with Halloween-themed crafts & DIY costume inspiration, plus we'll discover some truly chilling Halloween truths in the Learning Zone!

**Have a go at some spooky stitching!**

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

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Objective	Action	Measurement	Financial	Staff	Timeframe
<b>General Building</b>					
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	N/A	By 2028
Reduce Consumption & CO2	New Motion sensor taps installed in all toilets	Reduced water consumption	£2,000	N/A	completed 2020
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	N/A	Completed 2020, other windows could be done 2030
Reduce CO2	Prioritise the use of electric cars when using taxis for staff and artists	Reduced CO2 usage	Minimal	Bradley	On going
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
<b>Aspirational Goals</b>					

- Investing time into encouraging customers to use greener travel options - if bus and train links improve
  - Updating the boiler - when the technology emerges and becomes financially viable
    - Hydrogen or air source heating
  - Rainwater collection from church roof to toilets
    - Solar panels installed
    - More tinted windows
    - Net zero aim by 2045



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 WELCOMING ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES



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