
Street Level Photoworks Environmental and Sustainability Policy

Street Level is a leading photography arts organisation that provides artists and the public with a range of opportunities to make and engage with photography. It is a gallery and an open access photographic production facility. We are committed to quality and equality across activity. We provide a high quality artistic programme in the city of Glasgow that is challenging and accessible, local and international, diverse and highly individual.

In the delivery of our mission we place environmental sustainability and a green agenda at the core of our operation planning and service delivery. Street Level has worked for many years on reducing our carbon footprint and making changes to reduce our environmental impact.

We are a member of the Green Arts Initiative, Creative Carbon Scotland and as a Creative Scotland revenue funded organisation we monitor and analyse our carbon emissions with IG tools throughout all aspects of our work. We have a dedicated Green Arts Champion that promotes and encourages good practice.

Use local charity Changeworks Recycling for our waste management system to ensure high quality recycled products can be made from our waste.

We encourage staff and our facility members to recycle wherever possible and have multiple recycling bins located across our venue – we have 16 recycling bins, compared to 5 general waste bins.

Members are made aware of this in their initial induction and signage in all areas reminds them – particularly signage on the general waste bins.

Reducing the creation of waste is a big part of our commitment to the environment.

Paper:

- Double sided printing as standard in all office and gallery business
- No paper copies of gallery information just a fixed number of laminated copies and downloadable pdf's (advertised at Info point).
- Increased use of e docs to promote the programme, reduced printed material

Reducing plastic waste:

- No plastic cooler cups, only glass
- No plastic bags in shop, Tote and paper

- Packaging: we reuse as much bubble wrap as we can, needed for transporting artworks

Suppliers:

We research companies packaging policies and select companies, where possible that have a commitment to reducing packaging and using recycled packaging

Reducing chemical waste:

We comply with legislation for the safe disposal of chemical waste and have all relevant chemistry uplifted for specialist treatment. The silver collected from the waste is then reclaimed and reused.

Energy Use:

- We encourage all staff and members of the facilities to switch off equipment when not in use – including computers if not to be used for more than 10 minutes. This is communicated to staff through protocol notices and facility members in inductions and signage across the building.
- We have a commitment to replacing all gallery and office lighting to LED alternatives by 2020.

Water:

- We encourage staff and members to consider water use carefully – especially in the facilities. This is stressed in member inductions, staff guidance and signage.

Transport:

- We bulk order chemistry to reduce CO2 emissions during transport.
- We trebled our chemistry recycling containers to reduce the carbon footprint of transporting these for processing to 1 collection a year.
- Staff are encouraged where possible to use public transport, walk and cycle to work. Staff travel on gallery business is monitored with Green Arts tools so we can track CO2 footprint and always consider journeys from an environmental perspective. Train is always used where possible within the UK and where practical further afield.

Campaigning:

- We promote our environmental commitments onsite and online.
- We curate and promote exhibitions that encourage audiences to

- consider environmental issues.
- In 2018 we produced a touring exhibition in association with @EverydayClimateChange, involving 20 photographers from 6 continents, depicting causes and effects of, and solutions to, everyday climate change. This is now an online resource for teachers, colleges and the public available on our YouTube channel - [Click here to view](#)

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually.

Staff, members and stakeholders will be consulted as part of this review.