

## TAAG Sustainable environment policy

We recognise that the charity has a role to play in protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations, our community, and to secure long term sustainability.

To this end we will

1. Conserve energy, water, and natural resources.
2. Commit to only purchasing environmentally friendly products.
3. Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.
4. Promote environmental awareness.

### Building Refurbishment

- Reuse building materials where possible and practical.
- Limit the amount of building waste going to landfill.
- Comply with all environmental standards when getting rid of hazard waste.
- Seek and take advice on alternative energy systems. Install where appropriate.
- Insulate roof, walls, floors to the maximum possible.
- Renew windows with wooden double/triple glazing.
- Seek and take advice on water saving devices for toilets and taps, prioritise water efficiency in equipment.
- Install sumps under sinks in workshop and studios. Dispose of contents correctly.
- Install low mercury fluorescent and LED lighting to maximise energy efficiency. Where practical install occupancy sensors for lighting.
- When required only purchase the most energy efficient models available. Look for the highest recycled content possible in the product. Look for designed and or produced in the UK.

### Building ongoing

- Reduce waste by increasing recycling and composting.
- Sign up to zero waste contract.
- Reuse packaging.
- Use environmentally approved cleaning products.
- Use container refill facility for cleaning products where possible.
- Buy local where possible.
- Prioritise energy and water efficiency in equipment.

## **Users**

(Workshop leaders, attendees, studio artists, gallery exhibitors and volunteers)

- Engage all our users in our environmentally sustainable aims through training and manuals.
- Place clear signage on all recycling bins and electrical equipment to assist with correct usage.
- Switch off lights when daylight is sufficient.
- Promote turning computers and printers off at the end of the day.
- Promote dressing appropriately for the season.
- The use of VOC paints, markers to be discouraged.
- Workshop leaders to be encouraged to use recycled materials where possible, water-based paints, non-solvent glues and all other materials that are sustainable and not harmful to the environment.

## **Community**

- Promote sustainable travel. Give alternatives to car use on website. Including bus, cycle routes and trains. Produce accompanying map of town and destination.
- Work with other local businesses to reduce waste, take positive action to encourage a circular economy.
- Join, engage with partnerships and local organisations who promote environmental sustainability. eg ACT, Town and District Councils.
- Set up a recycling scheme.
- Commit to supporting community initiatives that promote environmental sustainability.

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