

1. Policy Statement

1.1. Our business

Live & Local works with voluntary groups and professional artists to create new audiences for performing arts and to build stronger communities.

Established in 1990 it has grown into a confident and effective broker for a range of arts activities across Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland and Leicestershire.

Live & Local improves the quality of life within participating communities by enabling arts activities through communal self-help. Live & Local's success stems from its partnerships with participating communities, working with appropriate professional artists and a widely skilled staff team and Board.

The organisation's greatest asset is a network of approximately 300 voluntary promoting groups from a wide range of rural and other communities, without whose support this activity would not happen. Live & Local also works with its core funders and local authorities across eight counties to identify development opportunities and meet their local, regional or national strategies. As a result, Live & Local is designated as a key provider within the arts policies of several of these authorities and is a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) of Arts Council England.

1.2. Our impacts

Live & Local recognises that in the course of its work it has an impact on the environment. We will therefore commit to reducing negative environmental impacts of our activities by:

- Complying with all applicable legal requirements, environmental legislation and regulations appropriate to our activities;
- Reducing the consumption of energy and other natural resources;
- Monitoring and reporting relevant environmental parameters in accordance with funders requirements;
- Minimising pollution, wherever possible, particularly from the use of energy, the production and dispersal of waste and the use of motor vehicles during the company's operations;
- Ensuring that the views of our stakeholders are noted and respected;
- Promoting environmental good practice to our staff, suppliers, promoters and audiences;
- Communicating this policy to all our staff, partners, promoters, audiences and the general public;
- Identifying and listing appropriate actions in the Sustainability Action Plan to minimize our impact on the environment; and
- Annually reviewing the Policy and Action Plan and evaluating outcomes.