

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



1. Definitions

Environmental Responsibility: a company's duty to operate in a way that protects the environment (Cambridge Dictionary)

2. Purpose

Live & Local recognises that the environmental and climate crisis is the most significant challenge facing all of us. The purpose of this policy is to set out its commitment to reducing the environmental impact of its business operations. The purpose is also to embed Environmental Responsibility as a core value across the company and its operations and stakeholders.

As an organisation committed to improving the quality of life within communities, it is important for Live & Local to recognise the environmental impact of its work. Taking environmental action will ensure business resilience by improving its reputation with stakeholders who value sustainability. Reducing print and travel can also reduce business costs.

3. Scope of Policy

This policy covers Live & Local's business operations, its offices, and its artistic activities. Live & Local recognises its primary environmental impact includes energy consumption, printing for marketing materials and business travel.

4. Impact & Commitment

Live & Local recognises its primary environmental impact includes energy consumption, printing for marketing materials, touring and business travel. Live & Local will commit to reducing the negative environmental impacts of its activities by:

- Supporting local organisations to provide arts activities directly within rural communities.
- Complying with all applicable legal requirements, environmental legislation and regulations appropriate to our activities.
- Reducing the consumption of energy and other natural resources.
- Reporting relevant environmental parameters in accordance with funders requirements.
- Minimising pollution, when possible, particularly from the use of energy, the production and dispersal of waste and the use of motor vehicles during the company's operations.
- Adopting a hybrid and remote working framework, helping to reduce staff travel.
- Promoting the need for environmental responsibility in the communities in which the company works, through their actions and with their audiences.
- Promoting environmental good practice to staff, suppliers, artists, and freelancers.
- Measure, understand and report on progress to reduce carbon emissions, the use of plastic, waste, energy, and water consumption.

5. Communication and Review

This policy is reviewed annually and is approved by the Board.

The approved policy, and its changes, are communicated to staff and made available on the company's shared documents. It will be communicated with wider stakeholders through the website.

6. Environmental Sustainability Action Plan

This policy is supported by an Environmental Sustainability action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure the actions are being implemented successfully and are up to date.