



Climate & Environmental Sustainability Policy

Our Commitment

Earagail Arts Festival recognises that the climate emergency is the most serious challenge humanity has ever faced and that festivals can play an essential part in our response.

Cognisant of the damage being done to the planet by human activity, Earagail Arts Festival aims to transition the festival to a sustainable future by significantly reducing its environmental impact over the next number of years.

Vision

Earagail Arts Festival will transition the festival to a sustainable future by significantly reducing its environmental impact through best practice.

To be sustainable, we need to...

- create festival productions as sustainably as possible - *Reuse and recycle*
- operate as sustainably as possible - *Reduce how much we use, Source what we use sustainably, Reuse or recycle everything we can*

- Make festival locations as sustainable as possible

Make our systems efficient so we use less energy

Generate renewable energy

Support biodiversity and use less water

- Advocate to artists and audiences our commitment to sustainability and actions we are implementing.
- Create inclusive artistic productions that promote environmental awareness and sustainability.

Goals

Earagail Arts Festival will

- establish a baseline carbon footprint.
- offset carbon footprint through measurement tools provided by Native Events.
- establish partnerships with external and internal stakeholders which will support sustainable development.
- promote behaviors in our staff, volunteers and audiences that will reduce their impact on the

environment, such as continuing our zero waste approach.

- influence our supply chains with a view to delivering more sustainable options.
- highlight sustainability issues in our programming when possible.
- adequately resource the measures required to ensure the above objectives are achieved.
- continue to review and revise our policy on an annual basis.

Action Plan

A key part of the implementation of our policy is applying environmental sustainability across the festival and asking our artists and audience to plan their attendance sustainably with the following in mind:

Area of Sustainability	Festival	Artists	Audience
Programming & Organisational	Programme work which raises awareness about climate change; Promote positive actions and steps we can take; Avoid events with a negative or adverse environmental message; Programme events that convey an earth-positive message, showcasing the regions natural beauty and landscape. Investigate the festivals carbon footprint, tailoring efforts to address specific environmental concerns.	Engage artists who create work in natural environments, encouraging audience sensitivity ;	
Energy	Source renewable energy supply.	Request artists seek lower power usage alternatives – i.e. lighting or power supply	
Catering	Avoid using single use plastic at festival events where where possible; Encourage use of clearly labeled waste facilities	Supply of local producers for riders to reduce carbon emissions; Recommend use of reusable water	Avoid using single use plastic at festival events where possible.

	for recycling, compost and general waste.	bottles and provide glass or tin bottles if needed	
Travel & Transport	Working with TFI Local Link to offer public transport alternatives to events; Promotion of Slow travel; Collaboration with other festivals to expand artists' stays; Hold pre-production meetings via video conferencing to minimize travel where possible. Minimise travel for research and development, exploring artistic opportunities in one space rather than travelling for single performances and events.	International visiting artists and audiences make use of flights that emit a lower carbon footprint ; Encourage national artists to use public transport or carpool, where possible. Promotion of Slow Travel.	Encouraging public transport or share a ride to Earagail Arts Festival
Accommodation	Work with providers to communicate sustainable practice and certification under the EU Ecocertify Project		
Materials	Reduce use of paper printing in marketing and administration materials (i.e. less pages for festival brochure); Use recycled and recyclable materials for promotional materials; Engage with local printing services when possible; Promote online version of programme (website, social media etc) Highlight climate action on festival apparel.	Reuse materials in sets.	Encourage e-ticketing and avoid printing tickets (we scan e-tickets at events).
Waste	Use of appropriate	Use of appropriate	Use of appropriate

	designated waste bins at all Festival locations for recyclables, food waste and general waste accordingly. Avoid using single use plastic where possible.	designated waste bins at all Festival locations for recyclables, food waste and general waste accordingly. Avoid using single use plastic where possible.	designated waste bins at all Festival locations for recyclables, food waste and general waste accordingly. Avoid using single use plastic where possible.
Training & Advocacy	Embed climate action and sustainability practice in staff and volunteer training – promote collegiate work as a Green Team; Stay informed on specific policy developments and best practices in arts and sustainability.		Make public aware of our climate action practices through all marketing channels.
Digital	Prioritise online meetings and use of digital imagery /print		

Every one of these actions will support us in achieving our goals.

The CEO / Artistic Director will be the designated Climate Action Representative for Earagail Arts Festival. For all matters concerning this policy please contact director@eaf.ie.

Signed:.....

Date: 11/02/25.....

This policy was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Earagail Arts Festival Management Company Limited on:

Chair of Earagail Arts Festival

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