

THE ARCHES

GREEN POLICY - 2015

As a cultural building and organization, hosting many different events for Glasgow and international audiences, The Arches understands that it has a responsibility to ensure that it achieves, sustains and adapts to good environmental practices in order to reduce any impacts from our operations, and any of our subsequent activities, on the environment.

The Arches will endeavour as an organization to encourage its staff, customers, suppliers and all other relevant parties to adopt a responsible approach toward the impact their actions have on the environment. The Arches also acknowledges that, as a multi-purpose venue, its impact and influence can be far reaching across mediums and organizations.

A summary of the priorities of the **Arches Environmental and Green Policy** is as follows:

- **support and comply with, the requirements of current environmental legislation and codes of practice, working closely with local institutions leading in the field to better results year by year**
- **reduce, and recycle, the waste produced by our operations, classifying and identifying the specific impacts and percentages of our varying events and audiences**
- **increase energy efficiency using the best available online technologies and calculators to monitor regular output and usage**
- **reduce water consumption using the best available online technologies and calculators to monitor regular output and usage**
- **encourage the use of alternative means of transport to staff, patrons and contractors via social media and online messages**
- **establish and maintain an online campaign to engage all who take interest in the organization in our goals and current work**
- **risk-assess the environmental impact of any new processes in advance of introduction**
- **work with artists to engage thematically with environmental issues, depending on program and artistic merit**
- **reduce the carbon footprint of the organization by maintaining support for the policy across the organization, maintaining support from the board and senior management**

The policy will be reviewed and updated annually, and quarterly reviews of primary areas such as reducing the carbon footprint will be conducted. Please note that quarterly reviews could lead to fundamental and vital policy change and adaptation if best practices and newly available information requires so.

Staff, customers and artists will be consulted as part of the policy to review it. This will be achieved via regular internal **Green Council** Meetings, surveys and utilizing social media.

The Arches **Green Champion** will be responsible for ensuring the policy is updated and communicated to all relevant parties.

Substantiating this policy is The Arches and its staff body's commitment to reducing the impact our activities have on the environment and to continually improving our environmental practices as an integral and fundamental part of our business strategy and operating methods.