

# DoorstepArts.co.uk

WE ALL MAKE THE STORY HAPPEN

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Doorstep Arts works collaboratively with artists and communities in Torbay to develop and platform high-quality performance work that raises aspirations and is grassroots based. We are in a privileged position - our company engages with many children, young people, students, local residents, schools, practitioners, artists, theatre groups and other local companies through our creative programmes and performance platforms. As part our local community, we have the opportunity to model & promote sustainable environmental practice.

## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHOS

We have a responsibility to model & promote sustainable practice across our work. We seek to raise awareness of environmental issues with our colleagues, community and stakeholders, so that together we can have a more positive impact on our environment. Doorstep Arts is committed to training our staff, artists and volunteers to understand and embrace our environmental responsibilities, ensuring that we comply or exceed requirements of environmental legislation. We work with companies and individuals to encourage best practice and lessen the impact of their operations through the procurement decisions we make. This approach also encourages mutual accountability.

## OUR IMPACTS

We run participatory drama groups across Torbay, in community doorstep sites and theatres, creating progression routes for children and young people to participate in the arts. We bring inspiring touring artists to Torbay and presenting platforms for local artists. We run the Foot in the Door mentorship scheme and we work collaboratively with area schools and libraries. As part of our annual artistic programme, we support one substantial youth production each year, in addition to development of supporting development of new work, from new scratch & more refined productions each year. Doorstep Arts is based in Paignton, close to our artistic residency space at the Palace Theatre. We travel to various schools, colleges, universities and collaborate with other organisations around the country.

We are committed to reducing the negative impacts of our activities. Working with venues & practitioners 'on our doorstep' ensures a small carbon footprint and effective resource use locally. As our work grows, we aim to ensure that we have a positive impact & promote environmental responsibility across all Doorstep-reaching activities.

“The greatest threat to our planet  
is the belief that someone  
else will save it”  
Robert Swan

“We all make the story happen”  
Doorstep Arts



## OUR COMMITMENTS

- D** ownsize our carbon footprint
- O** perate with energy efficient methods wherever we can
- O** penly advocate the importance of alternative ways to travel
- R** educe, reuse and recycle waste more efficiently
- S** ource services and products that are environmentally sustainable and local
- T** rain our staff and volunteers in effective ways to reduce waste
- E** ducate children/young people to be responsible for their own impact on the environment
- P** rogramme and create work that addresses environmental issues

## OUR ACTIVITIES

<p><b>PLATFORMS / FESTIVALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel &amp; Transport</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Promotional materials</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Hotels/hosting</li> <li>• Venues/partnerships</li> <li>• Energy use</li> <li>• Lighting, sound &amp; effects</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRODUCTIONS / NEW WORK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production materials</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Transport &amp; travel</li> <li>• Energy use</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; promotional materials</li> <li>• Light, sound &amp; effects</li> <li>• Set constructions, costume &amp; make-up</li> </ul>
<p><b>PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy use</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Creative materials</li> <li>• Digital elements</li> <li>• Venue sites &amp; partners</li> </ul>	<p><b>OFFICE / ORGANISATIONAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Water use</li> <li>• Waste</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Transport of procurements</li> <li>• Promotional materials</li> <li>• Digital: website, data, hosting, banking</li> <li>• Goods &amp; services (e.g. stationary, cleaning)</li> </ul>

## 2BY2

This is what we will be measuring in April 2019 to April 2021

Doorstep Arts will focus on the following key environmental area for measurement & improvement over the next two years.

Target Area	Actions	Lead	Measuring Performance	Resources
Non-Commuter Travel and Transport	All DA Core staff will track & monitor Travel & mode of transport to meetings, performances and training occurring outside of Torbay	JC, CR, MG.	Staff/artist mileage/travel compare over 19/20 Over the year	Incorporate in evaluation & research budget (incl. materials development).

To work towards these targets, our Environmental Action Priorities Plan outlines related actions to support monitoring & improvement of environmental performance across production and festival planning. We expect artists, collaborators & suppliers to adhere to our Environmental commitments and advocate best practice on our behalf.

