



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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The International Festival is an unparalleled celebration of the performing arts and an annual meeting point for people of all nations. Every year, during August the International Festival presents a programme featuring finest performers and ensembles from the worlds of dance, opera, music and theatre.

We recognise the impact that our activities can have on the environment and are committed to reducing these impacts by setting and achieving clearly defined objectives and targets, as well as developing frameworks to achieve continual improvement.

We are developing our systems with the ambition of being acknowledged as exemplars of best practice in environmental management alongside other Edinburgh Festivals through the Festivals Edinburgh Environmental Sustainability Working Group, and to meet City of Edinburgh Council's net zero 2030 target and Scottish Government's net zero 2045 target.





OUR COMMITMENTS

- To reduce our carbon impact and increase our positive contributions to environmental sustainability among our staff, artists and audiences;
- Integrate and promote the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into our decision making and activities across the organisation and to our stakeholders;
- Reduce the use of energy, water and other resources;
- Minimise waste by reduction, re-use and recycling methods;
- Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulation;
- Provide appropriate guidance and resources to staff and artists to meet the commitments of this policy, through training, advice and information and to encourage them to develop new initiatives;
- Communicate our environmental and sustainability commitments and practices to staff, visiting companies, clients and audiences, and our communities and encourage their support and participation;
- To review, annually report, and to continually strive to improve our sustainability;
- To meet City of Edinburgh's net-zero target by 2030.

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