



## **Climate Pledge**

### Fun Palaces Our Promise

As an organisation we commit to minimise our impact on the Climate Crisis both on the Fun Palaces Weekend Of Celebration and during the rest of the year.

We commit to empower ourselves, Ambassadors and Fun Palaces Makers with knowledge that will enable us to make informed decisions with regard to the natural environment.

It is not enough to promise to reduce harm to the climate and environment. Fun Palaces sees its potential to proactively improve the natural environment through:

- a reduction in carbon emissions
- Maximising on the opportunity to engage with our partners and other organisations
- The sharing of ideas and best practice

The promises detailed in this document form a starting point for an ongoing process of evaluation and renewal.

### **How do we cause harm?**

Fun Palaces environmental impacts are caused principally due to the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as a result of:



- The use of electricity (and gas) to power and heat our office at the Albany Deptford and host organisations and when staff members work from home.
- The burning of fossil fuels associated with transportation and accommodation of Ambassadors, Hosts and HQ staff to quarterly Action Research Meetings (held around the UK).
- Fun Palaces largely held around the UK and beyond on the annual Weekend of Celebration (in October) by third parties.
- Running our website and online map

**In addition to the atmospheric release of carbon dioxide, Fun Palaces uses a number of materials that may cause environmental harm:**

- Paper and other stationery.
- Technical equipment
- Fittings and fixtures used in our office at The Albany.

## **How we manage risk**

**In order to fulfil our promise to reduce harm we will:**

- Review our use of electricity and gas.
- Continually review our policy towards transportation of staff and visitors.
- Review our supply chain (including online / website providers).
- Communicate with our community of Fun Palaces Makers.
- In order to empower our community, all HQ staff and Ambassadors will participate in Carbon Literacy training by Winter 2023. Our sustainability policy will be made available to all Ambassadors and HQ staff.



## **Electricity**

Our current offices at The Albany Deptford do not allow for micro-generation of electricity using sustainable technology and this is unlikely to change.

We aim to leverage our landlords to using 100% renewable energy for all tenants.

For now we will ensure power usage is kept to a minimum as detailed in this document through a variety of means.

## **Transportation**

Where possible, we encourage those travelling to the Albany and to quarterly Action Research (AR) meetings to use public transport and to travel by land, walking or cycling where feasible. We have made extra funds available for Ambassadors, Host Organisations and Makers travelling to AR meetings, to encourage extra days of travel across land (rather than by air). We will include resources in our toolkit to help people take more sustainable travel options.

- We also encourage those travelling to their local Fun Palaces to pedal, roll or stroll to get there if possible. Or by public transport if their journey is slightly longer.

When a car must be used we actively encourage lift-sharing.  
Uber green.

## **Supply Chain**

- We endeavour to source all materials through sustainable and local suppliers.
- Suppliers' environmental policies are requested and reviewed periodically. We will endeavour to work with suppliers to help



transition them to sustainable working, in turn influencing their own suppliers, to work towards a circular economy.

- Whenever possible we source secondhand/reconditioned equipment and furniture rather than buy new.

## **Offices**

- We use only recycled paper.
- We use as much fair-trade produce as possible.
- Suppliers' environmental policies are requested and reviewed periodically.
- Whenever possible we source second-hand/reconditioned equipment rather than buy new.
- We will power down all electrical equipment, including lights when not in use.
- Where possible we work with digital files, rather than hard copies to reduce printing and wastage.
- When sending out posters and flyers to Makers, ask them to consider a realistic number they may need, to avoid wastage and / or over production.

## **Waste**

- Recycling bins are provided to separate waste streams ready for processing.
- Waste is currently managed by our landlord.

We will communicate to help people make good choices with their waste

**Catering** - At quarterly ARs we will where possible use sustainable catering choices, with more vegan and vegetarian options. We will seek out caterers with sustainability policies in place and ask to see



these in advance. We will try to avoid single use plastics when providing catering.

**Hotels** - When booking hotels for HQ travel we will check sustainability policies of hotels and ask to see them if they are not readily available. Where possible we will select the more sustainable option.

### **Carbon Measurement**

- We are currently working alongside The Lines Between, an organisation who will calculate our carbon footprint, and those of a cross-section of Fun Palaces.
- We will use the data produced by The Lines Between to review and reduce our carbon impacts.

### **Communicate**

Communication of environmental issues will be consistently present in our venues and offices.

Each year we will hold a free carbon literacy and sustainability workshop for Fun Palace Makers to ensure they are creating the most sustainable Fun Palaces possible.