FOR FUN PALACE MAKERS

Sustainability Checklist

Small changes that add up - for a greener Fun Palace.

Fun Palaces are already pretty green: they're local, they use what's to hand, and they're all about sharing. This checklist helps you go a little further. Work through it while you plan - on your own or with your Maker team.

> **How to use this checklist**
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> There are no wrong answers and you don't have to do everything. Tick the ideas you like, jot down your own, and remember: every small change counts - and sharing what you did inspires others to do the same.

01 Bring some climate-positive ideas into your Fun Palace

Your Fun Palace doesn't have to be about the climate - but a few activities can spark brilliant conversations. You could try:

- [ ] **How do animals do it?** - making the most of what's around them, with almost no waste
- [ ] **What made your great-great-granny so great?** - how was she more sustainable than we are now?
- [ ] **Good fashion vs fast fashion** - a clothes swap or a mending session
- [ ] **Veg: good for the planet and for you** - can you grow some, or swap seeds?
- [ ] **A plant-based cookery session** - with local, seasonal ingredients
- [ ] **A repair café or upcycling station** - bring something broken, leave with something new
- [ ] **Greening your digital life** - simple ways to cut the carbon of our screens
- [ ] **What stories will we tell when we're 90?** - a creative look at the future we want

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02 Where will most of your carbon come from?

Think about the parts of your Fun Palace that use the most energy or create the most waste:

- [ ] **Travel** - can people walk, wheel, cycle or get the bus? Tell them how
- [ ] **Materials** - what will you buy new, and could you borrow, swap or reuse instead?
- [ ] **Your venue** - heating, lighting and power - could you meet outdoors, or share a space that's already open?

Is there anything you can do to reduce this?

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03 How will you tell people about your Fun Palace?

Look for greener ways to get the word out - but don't leave anyone behind. Not everyone is online.

- [ ] **Word of mouth** - ask your Makers and neighbours to tell five people each
- [ ] **Noticeboards** - libraries, shops, cafés, surgeries and community centres
- [ ] **Reuse and share** - print only what you need, on recycled paper, and deliver on foot or by bike
- [ ] **Local radio, newsletters and community groups** - online and offline

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04 Give yourself time to make good choices

Planning ahead makes the greener option easier - borrowing and swapping take a little time to arrange.

- [ ] **Short on time?** - a last-minute Fun Palace is still brilliant. Make the most of what you already have - there's no need for a panic online shop!

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05 What do you need - and who could lend it?

List the physical things you'll need. Then think about who could lend or donate them:

- [ ] **Your Maker team, friends and neighbours** - what's sitting in a cupboard?
- [ ] **Libraries of things and scrap stores** - borrow kit and pick up reusable materials
- [ ] **Local groups, schools and businesses** - many are happy to lend or donate
- [ ] **Swap and free-giving sites** - such as Freecycle, Olio or your local Nextdoor

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06 Ask your suppliers and venue a few questions

A friendly question can inspire change. Think about your caterers, art supply shops and your venue. You could ask:

- [ ] Do you use renewable energy?
- [ ] Can we avoid single-use plastic and packaging?
- [ ] Is the food local, seasonal or plant-based - and what happens to leftovers?
- [ ] Can materials be reused or passed on afterwards?

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07 One idea to take home

If everyone who came to your Fun Palace left with one climate-positive idea to take home or to work, what would it be?

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Take the Makers' Climate Pledge

Pick one promise, or all five, for your next Fun Palace:

- [ ] Keep it local
- [ ] Use what we've got
- [ ] Share a green skill
- [ ] Start a conversation
- [ ] Leave it better

Sign the pledge at **funpalaces.co.uk/sustainability**

More help

Read the full Sustainability Toolkit for suppliers, energy tips and more ideas.

Questions? Email hello@funpalaces.co.uk - we'd love to hear what you're planning.