

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

At Bounce Theatre we are committed to making every attempt to minimise the impact we have on the environment. We look to ensure that our activities are environmentally responsible and sustainable.

We work to build thought patterns that consider our environmental impact at every stage of our work – from planning and project management to delivery and evaluation. We ask everyone involved with Bounce Theatre to be mindful of the following:

1. Planning Projects with the Environment in Mind

- We aim to integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all of our business decision making and activities.
- All project plans address its environmental impact.
- We aim to meet or exceed all environmental legislation that relates to Bounce Theatre.

2. Our People

- Our individual and collective actions have real impact on the environment. Our aim is to build thought patterns into our everyday work that consider environmental impact of our work.
- We are committed to employee awareness and training.
- We celebrate environmental responsibility among our employees and encourage them to work in innovative ways and share ideas for environmentally accountable projects.

3. Our Physical Environment and Energy Usage

Our physical environment is the places and spaces in which we run workshops, programmes, projects, and productions. Bounce Theatre does not operate out of permanent premises – often these are hired or borrowed spaces. Our control of environmental impact in this respect is somewhat limited, however, we can still:

- Ask for environmental statements or policies from our partners to better assess our impact day-to-day.
- Look to hire spaces that have solid green credentials that are in line with our own mission.
- Be practical and effective in our workspaces to minimise environmental impact – e.g. conserve heat by shutting doors, and switch off electrical appliances and lights as soon as they aren't needed.
- Choose tap water over bottled water.

4. Transport

- We recognise the serious implications of poor air quality for everyone.
- Bounce Theatre champions the use of public transport wherever possible.

5. Consumables

- Bounce Theatre uses FSC certified paper/card and double-sided printing wherever possible.
- We look to partner with ethical and environmentally conscious suppliers.
- Recycled materials from sustainable sources are chosen wherever they are available.
- For printed media, we value quality over quantity and will avoid over-ordering on printed media.

- We do not print documents where they are not needed. Digital copies of documents are the default.
- Where it is practical, we will re-use, upcycle, or gift textiles to play centres, schools, or charity shops.
- We will not knowingly buy materials from producers who employ sweatshop conditions in their manufacturing processes.
- Where alternatives are available, we are committed to avoiding the purchase of non-recyclable and single-use plastics.
- We expect staff to use re-useable coffee cups and water bottles and promote their use to others.
- Where plastics cannot practically be avoided, we make every effort to use recycling facilities.
- We look for sustainable/local/ethical providers when we provide refreshments and/or catering at events.

6. Recycling and Waste Management

- We are committed to careful disposal of our waste and are mindful of our contributions to landfill.
- Where practical, we recycle, re-use, and compost our waste.
- We actively promote recycling both internally and among our customers and suppliers.

7. Monitoring and Investing in Future Practice

- We have a commitment to collect and evaluate data on our environmental impact for each and every project we undertake.
- Reflecting on this, we can continually improve our efficiency and deliver maximum benefit directly to the young people we work with and the wider community.
- We will communicate our environmental commitment to our partners and collaborators and encourage them to support it.
- We are committed to continual improvement and will review our environmental performance annually.

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