
Environmental Policy (to be reviewed in 2024)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Environmental sustainability is a core part of our business planning and determines how we operate and make decisions. Coalesce Dance Theatre recognises that we have a duty of care to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our environmental impact to a minimum. Our policy focuses on three core areas:

-Ourselves

We aim to create the conditions for sustainable working and will strive to ensure that Coalesce's employees, freelance team and trustees work in low-carbon, efficient environments, and that our work and operations use the minimum of resources and produce a minimum of waste

-Our Industry

Our ambition is to contribute to a more sustainable cultural industry by sharing data and good practice, and by collaborating with others in the sector. We aim to be a leader in the North West dance sector for positive and influential environmental practices

-Our Audience and Participants

We hope that our audiences will engage with Coalesce via both our environmentally conscious/ themed shows, as well as our general practices which will promote a more sustainable existence and commitment to lowering our carbon footprint.

OUR ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

- We have and continue to collect and analyse data to better understand our environmental impact. We will then use this information to mitigate our environmental impact when planning activity such as tours, projects and educational work.
- We are keeping a materials inventory for shows and projects to create a baseline of data, from which we can better understand the physical footprint of each activity.
- We share carbon information with audiences about their estimated journeys (as well as the companies) to and from performances, to encourage greater awareness and understanding.
- We encourage our staff, partners, participants and the public to adopt environmentally sustainable practices themselves .
- We trialled a new minimal-print initiative for The Old Green Time Machine working with venues to reduce flyer quantities from thousands to hundreds (or in some cases, none at all!). The money saved was instead used to place posters with QR codes that linked to an e-flyer in high impact locations, and to spread our reach on social media. This is something we will continue to implement and prioritise in conversations with venues going forward.
- The Old Green Time Machine has a digital environmental pack which parents can access at each show. This is to help support carbon literacy and provide action points to assist in greener living.

When seeing a Coalesce show or attending any other activity with Coalesce, please consider what you can do to minimise your impact on the environment - bringing reusable water bottles, lunch boxes or cups for your drink at the theatre, taking public transport, and accessing our resources online instead of printing them.

AND use your voice, even if your platform seems small! Talk about the steps you take to be more sustainable. Help to challenge the status quo, normalise thinking sustainably, and spread the word!

We're always looking to improve our practises. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Coalescedance@gmail.com