



Music Network – Climate Action Policy

Introduction

Music Network is Ireland's national music touring and development organisation. We make high quality live music accessible to communities throughout Ireland and help musicians to develop fulfilling careers.

Our vision is that of a culture which increasingly values live music in our everyday lives, embracing it as an essential part of a healthy, vibrant society.

Everything we do stems from this vision: from our work in music education, to supporting musicians at varying stages of their development, to providing opportunities for performance and participation through our valued network of partners across the country.

We recognise that we have a role to play in reducing the effects of climate change. We are committed to helping deliver Ireland's national climate objectives and to leading by example, collaborating with others and advocating for wider change across our sector.

Our commitment

We want to be part of the solution to the climate challenge and commit to working with our staff, board and network of partners to find ways to reduce the environmental impact of our work, and to encourage and promote more sustainable practices across the music sector in Ireland.

This policy explains our approach to environmental sustainability, our aims and how we will work to achieve these through our Climate Action Plan.

Our aims and objectives:

- To measure the environmental impact of our work and events to establish a baseline.
- To find ways to effectively reduce our impact.

- To reduce our environmental impact in line with government targets, a 51% reduction of our emissions by 2030.
- To develop a practical Climate Action Plan in consultation with our staff by the end of 2024, which will be implemented from 2025 onwards.
- To appoint a Climate and Sustainability Champion/s to lead our team to successfully deliver our Climate Action Plan.
- To become a leader in sustainable touring and live music presentation in Ireland.
- To advocate for change and support our partners, individual musicians and the wider music sector to present work more sustainably by sharing our learnings and promoting our sustainable touring model.

Our priorities

We are committed to measuring, monitoring and reducing our environmental impact and our plan will focus on the following priority areas:

- Touring & events - we will work to develop a more sustainable touring model, to reduce travel emissions and adopt sustainable event practices across our programmes.
- Workspace and team culture - we will work to embed the principles of sustainability across all our work practices, to reduce our energy use, waste, digital impact and staff travel.
- Procurement - we will review our current procurement procedures and adopt the principles of sustainable procurement for the purchase of products and services.
- Promotion - we will develop a promotion plan to share our work and learnings, to advocate for, inspire and support changes to working practices across the sector.
- Monitoring and evaluation - we will evaluate the current impact of our work and continue to monitor and report on this in the future.

This policy will be implemented by our staff through our Climate Action Plan which will be published on our website when finalised.

This policy will be reviewed annually by our board and updated as needed.

If you have any comments or suggestions in relation to our Climate Action Policy or Plan please contact our Climate and Sustainability Champion Arantxa Colomé at development@musicnetwork.ie or on +353 1 475 0224.