



YIFM Environmental Policy

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Background

Young Irish Film Makers (YIFM) is a national youth arts organisation working with young people aged 9 to 25 years. YIFM provides film, animation and digital media training and production programmes for over 1400 young people annually across Ireland in schools, youth and community centres, after school workshops and also through residential programmes such as the National Youth Film School.

YIFM recognises that their activities have some impact on the environment. We believe that our performance as a well recognised youth arts organisation, will be measured not only by our ability to deliver high quality outcomes for young people, but also our impact on the environment. As a national organization working with groups of young people in various settings, we have the opportunity to minimise the risk of incidents which adversely impact the environment.

Scope

This Policy applies to all YIFM programmes and operations, including partnerships and events where YIFM has an influence or management control.

Statement of Principles

YIFM will strive to continually improve environmental performance in our operations and prevent pollution of land, air and water. All applicable YIFM offices and major sites will report on a quarterly basis using the YIFM system to provide full and accurate disclosure on the following business impacts:

- Energy consumption (all forms)
- Water consumption
- Paper use
- Avoiding disposal and increasing reuse and recycling of waste
- Business travel

- Climate change related emissions

New premises and major refurbishments should incorporate best practice environmental standards of construction and design, e.g. TALLIS or equivalent.

YIFM will seek to comply with applicable legal requirements and to any other requirements to which YIFM subscribes relating to the environment impacts and aspects by way of annual review.

YIFM will work with material suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of products and services while seeking environmentally preferable ones. YIFM expects material suppliers to work towards the minimisation of environmental impact and be able to demonstrate progress.

We will seek to foster a sense of engagement and ongoing dialogue within our sector and to other stakeholders promoting debate while keeping them updated on our progress as appropriate.

YIFM will seek to take into account environmental issues when developing programmes and events.

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