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Rua Red Environmental and Climate Action Policy 2026

Rua Red South Dublin Arts Centre recognises its responsibility to reduce its environmental impact and to contribute positively to wider climate action efforts. This responsibility extends beyond legal and regulatory requirements and is an important part of our role as a public arts centre, cultural organisation, workplace, and community space.

Rua Red is committed to improving the environmental sustainability of its operations, programmes, building use, procurement, travel, and day-to-day working practices. We aim to reduce our carbon footprint, use resources more efficiently, minimise waste, and support environmentally responsible decision-making across the organisation.

This policy forms part of Rua Red's wider commitment to good governance, responsible resource management, and care for the communities and environment in which we operate.

Policy Statement

Rua Red is committed to reducing its environmental impact and to continually improving its environmental performance as an integral part of its organisational strategy, operating methods, and public-facing work.

We will encourage staff, artists, contractors, tenants, audiences, centre users, and stakeholders to adopt responsible approaches to environmental sustainability and climate action wherever possible.

We recognise that arts and cultural organisations have an important role to play in supporting public awareness, practical action, and sectoral change in response to the climate crisis. Rua Red will continue to work towards greener practices and to be part of a growing network of arts and culture organisations seeking to reduce environmental harm.

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to:

- Meet, and where possible exceed, all relevant environmental legal and regulatory requirements.
- Reduce Rua Red's carbon footprint through improved monitoring, planning, and operational changes.
- Improve energy efficiency across the building and undertake regular reviews of energy use.
- Reduce waste generated through our operations, events, exhibitions, offices, and public activities.
- Increase recycling and responsible waste management practices throughout the building.
- Reduce water consumption wherever possible.
- Consider environmental impact when purchasing goods and services.
- Encourage suppliers, contractors, artists, and partners to support environmentally responsible practices.
- Encourage low-impact transport options for staff, artists, audiences, and visitors.
- Support staff awareness and shared responsibility for sustainability across all areas of the organisation.
- Review our progress regularly and identify realistic improvements year on year.

Areas of Action

1. Travel and Transport

Rua Red will encourage staff, artists, visitors, and stakeholders to use lower-impact travel options wherever practical.

We will:

- Encourage walking, cycling, car-pooling, and public transport where possible.
- Use cars only where they are the most practical, accessible, or sustainable option.
- Consider the environmental impact of travel when planning meetings, events, exhibitions, and programmes.
- Make use of online meetings where appropriate to reduce unnecessary travel.
- Encourage visiting artists, facilitators, and collaborators to consider sustainable travel options where feasible.
- Ensure that accessibility, safety, scheduling, and caring responsibilities are considered when making travel decisions.

2. Printing and Paper Use

Rua Red will aim to reduce paper use across all areas of the organisation.

We will:

- Keep printing to a minimum.
- Circulate internal documents, meeting papers, minutes, contracts, invoices, and correspondence electronically where possible.
- Print only when necessary for legal, access, operational, or practical reasons.
- Use double-sided printing and multiple-page printing where possible.
- Use recycled paper for photocopying and general office use where available.
- Recycle used print cartridges and toner cartridges responsibly.
- Consider the necessity, quantity, and environmental impact of printed marketing materials.

3. Recycling and Waste Management

Rua Red will work to minimise waste and improve recycling across the building.

We will:

- Provide and clearly identify recycling points for paper, cardboard, glass, aluminium cans, plastics, and other recyclable materials where appropriate.
- Encourage staff, tenants, artists, and centre users to use recycling facilities correctly.
- Reduce single-use materials where possible.
- Avoid unnecessary packaging and over-ordering.
- Reuse materials, equipment, exhibition resources, and office supplies where practical.
- Dispose of specialist waste, including batteries, electrical items, print cartridges, and technical equipment, through appropriate recycling or disposal channels.
- Review waste practices associated with exhibitions, installations, events, workshops, and public programmes.

4. Purchasing and Procurement

Rua Red will consider environmental sustainability when purchasing goods and services.

We will:

- Purchase only what is needed and avoid unnecessary consumption.
- Consider durability, repairability, recyclability, and environmental impact when selecting products.
- Choose environmentally responsible products and services where practical and financially viable.
- Prioritise reusable, recycled, recyclable, or low-impact materials where possible.

- Encourage suppliers and contractors to minimise packaging and reduce waste.
- Consider local suppliers where appropriate in order to reduce transport-related impacts.
- Balance environmental responsibility with cost, quality, accessibility, safety, and operational needs.

5. Energy Use

Rua Red will monitor and seek to reduce energy use across the building.

We will:

- Record and review energy consumption on a regular basis.
- Identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency.
- Switch off lights, computers, monitors, projectors, technical equipment, office equipment, and other electrical items when not in use.
- Encourage staff and building users to be mindful of energy use.
- Review heating, lighting, ventilation, and equipment use to identify areas for improvement.
- Undertake energy audits or energy reviews where practical.
- Consider energy efficiency when replacing equipment, lighting, appliances, or technical infrastructure.

6. Water Use

Rua Red will aim to reduce unnecessary water consumption.

We will:

- Monitor water use where possible.
- Report and repair leaks promptly.
- Encourage responsible water use by staff, tenants, and centre users.
- Consider water efficiency when replacing fittings, appliances, or facilities.
- Avoid unnecessary water use in cleaning, maintenance, and event preparation.

7. Exhibitions, Events and Programme Delivery

Rua Red recognises that exhibitions, events, performances, workshops, and public programmes can have environmental impacts.

We will:

- Consider sustainability when planning exhibitions, installations, events, residencies, and public programmes.
- Encourage reuse of materials, equipment, staging, display systems, and technical resources where possible.

- Work with artists, curators, producers, facilitators, and partners to identify lower-impact ways of producing and presenting work.
- Reduce unnecessary printing, transport, packaging, and waste associated with programme delivery.
- Consider digital options where appropriate, while recognising the importance of in-person cultural participation.
- Support dialogue and awareness around environmental responsibility within the arts and culture sector.

8. Staff Awareness and Shared Responsibility

Environmental responsibility is a shared organisational responsibility.

Rua Red will:

- Ensure staff are aware of this policy and understand their role in supporting it.
- Encourage staff to identify practical improvements within their areas of work.
- Include environmental considerations in planning, operations, and decision-making where relevant.
- Support a workplace culture that values sustainability, resourcefulness, and responsible use of materials.
- Encourage tenants, contractors, artists, and building users to respect and support Rua Red's environmental commitments.

Monitoring and Review

Rua Red will monitor its environmental performance where possible, including energy use, waste practices, water use, travel, procurement, and carbon-related activity.

This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and updated as required to reflect organisational learning, available resources, sector guidance, and changes in environmental regulation or best practice.

Rua Red will continue to identify realistic and achievable actions that reduce environmental impact and support climate action across the organisation.