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## **Theatre Collection: Environmental Sustainability Action Plan**

In 2019 the University of Bristol declared a climate emergency. In support of this the Theatre Collection continues to make every endeavour to reduce its carbon footprint and improve on its environmental sustainability. The University Green Impact Scheme plays a large role in enabling the TC to make proactive actions to improve its sustainability. The University of Bristol's Sustainability Strategy focuses on reducing the University's environmental impact and on its better management of resources across ten areas. The Theatre Collection (TC) focuses on the following five key areas within its control where we can most powerfully effect change, in contributing to the University's strategy and targets:

### **1. Energy management:**

- The TC fully buys into the University's major switch off campaign by ensuring all lights, printers and computers/monitors are turned off at the end of every day whenever possible.
- Motion sensitive lights are installed in all strong rooms and most corridors both for the benefit of the collections and as an energy management strategy.
- The care and conservation of our holdings take primacy (see Care and Conservation Plan and Policy). In the light of the change from pd:5454 to EN:16893 and the wider parameters of environmental control we have begun to investigate the possibility of reducing our use of energy-intensive air handling units (AHU) to a more passive control system. If we can be sure that this presents no risk to the condition of the collections we will continue to take a more passive approach where possible. In the case of the TC moving to new premises in the New University Library the University and TC has adopted a passive first approach to areas in which collections are store, displayed or consulted in. The library itself will aim for BREEAM 'excellent' rating.

- In the case of the TC procuring the use of an off-site store managed by an external supplier, consideration will be taken into the sustainability credentials of the supplier and environmental sustainability of the store itself.

## **2. Travel**

- The experience of working from home due to the covid-19 pandemic has encouraged us to reconsider our future working patterns which could lead to a positive impact on our environmental sustainability. The Theatre Collection will support a more blended approach to working patterns, including working from home and the office, reducing the need to travel and therefore our carbon footprint.
- The TC workforce is committed to the University's target of reducing the number of single occupancy car journeys made by staff from 21% to 10% by car sharing wherever possible and practicable.
- Wherever possible TC workforce cycle, walk or use public transport in order to reach work locations.
- The TC website encourages visitors to use sustainable transport solutions by providing links to useful public transport and sustainable transport resources.
- The TC will endeavour to combine pick-ups of acquisitions and/or also combine them with other business activities whenever possible to reduce the number of journeys e.g. when in London.

### **3. Waste Management:**

- The TC workforce is committed to the University's aim of continuing to reduce residual waste to landfill by recycling glass, cans, plastic, IT equipment, electrical equipment, furniture etc.
- The TC workforce also buys into the University's aim of increasing recycling and composting University waste to 45% of total waste by ensuring all paper is recycled and all food waste is placed in composting bins where possible.

### **4. Sustainable Procurement:**

- The TC conducts procurement in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner by choosing sustainable options such as purchasing EcopHant recycled archival boxes (whenever appropriate and possible) and recycled office paper.
- Where possible, the TC will source office furniture and other equipment from Restore, the University's internal reuse facility.
- We will look to maximise opportunities to sustainably procure catering for events held at the TC. This includes ordering china rather than single use paper cups and only purchasing tea and coffee from fairtrade suppliers.

### **5. Green Impact Awards Scheme**

- The TC subscribes to this scheme The TC has worked successfully to implement long term changes to become more sustainable in line with the Green Impact Awards Scheme, and in recent years has moved from Silver to Gold Standard. We hope to achieve Gold standard in 20/21.