



Visual Art at the heart of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

## **Visual Art Network – Environmental Policy**

The Visual Art Network, its Members, Trustees, Friends and other Volunteers, undertake the following with the intention of limiting the carbon footprint of the Charity:

### **Paper**

- Minimise the use of paper in office settings
- Reduce packaging as much as possible
- Seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products
- Reuse and recycle all paper where possible

### **Energy**

- Seek to reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible
- Switch off electrical equipment when not in use
- Adjust heating with energy consumption in mind
- Take into account the energy consumption and efficiency of new products when purchasing them

### **Office Supplies**

- Evaluate whether the need for supplies can be met in another way
- Evaluate if renting or sharing is an option before purchasing equipment
- Evaluate the environmental impact of any new products intended for purchase
- Favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products where possible
- Reuse and recycle everything it is able to

### **Transportation**

- Promote the use of travel alternatives such as email or video / phone conferencing
- Make additional efforts to accommodate the needs of those using public transport or bicycle

### **Maintenance**

- Use cleaning products that are as environmentally friendly as possible
- Only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste

### **Monitoring**

- Increase volunteer awareness through training
- Review the policy annually and discuss any related issues at monthly Trustee meetings

### **Staff and Suppliers**

- Involve volunteers in the implementation of the policy
- Provide volunteers with relevant environmental training
- Use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and help the community
- Use local suppliers with good green credentials as far as possible

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Next review date: February 2024

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