

# NEW MUSIC DUBLIN

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## Environmental Policy

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New Music Dublin CLG (NMD) was founded in 2019 and is based in Dublin.

New Music Dublin is Ireland's foremost contemporary music festival and takes place in spring each year in the National Concert Hall, across Dublin and broadcast nationally and internationally. The company was established to promote the knowledge, appreciation, creation, performance and dissemination of music and the arts, particularly but limited to music and the sonic arts by living composers and composers from Ireland.

New Music Dublin recognises the urgency of addressing climate change and the critical role that the public sector plays in achieving Ireland's climate goals in order to protect the environment and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

We recognise that even small events can contribute to environmental challenges, and we strive to implement responsible practices to contribute to a healthier planet.

This policy outlines our commitment to environmental sustainability and provides a framework for action for all staff, service suppliers, volunteers, attendees, and artists involved in the festival.

### **Our Environmental Action Goals**

- 1: Embed processes to measure our carbon usage across areas such as energy usage, wastage, recycling, transport etc.
- 2: Communicate our aims with all stakeholders and discuss methods of measurements and reductions
- 3: Identify initiatives and target reductions
- 4: Develop partnerships and organisations that can assist with monitoring and reducing environmental impact
- 5: Measure and Monitor impacts
- 6: Commit to consistent annual review in the period immediately after the festival.

### **New Music Dublin commits to minimising our environmental impacts in a number of key areas:**

- **Business, Artist & Audience Travel** – A Travel Policy will be developed as this will be the most significant contributor to the festival's carbon footprint. This policy will prioritise carbon-free (walking and cycling) as well as carbon-light (public transport) travel methods. Online meetings will be prioritised over 'in person' meetings, where possible.
- **Digital and Print:** We will avoid unnecessary use of online streaming, excessive use of email, and unnecessary sending of large images/attachments. We will encourage partners and participants to clear out their inboxes and will remove any unwanted documents stored online at the conclusion of the project. Print will only be used when digital promotion is not sufficient, and only in the quantities deemed essential.
- **Artist Accommodation & hospitality:** Where accommodation is required, every effort will be made to source sustainable solutions, identifying accommodation providers with the highest sustainability credentials available.

### **How we will engage with other venue partners on this sustainability policy:**

We recognise and value the rights of our venue partners to contribute to the policy. Currently, National Concert Hall, RTÉ, The Complex, Pepper Canister Church & Windmill QTR. We commit to meeting with our venue partners at least annually to consult on current best practice.

We will facilitate and welcome contributions to the policy by all the participants.

### **How we will further develop and implement our environmental policy:**

- *Staff workshops will be delivered in partnership with the Arts Council's representatives and other climate and sustainability organisations*
- *All contracted staff and Board will undertake climate action training*
- *All staff will participate in online sustainability awareness training*

To enable the implementation and development of this policy, NMD will create an environmental committee, which will convene twice yearly: one meeting in the wake of the annual festival, and the second in the months prior to the festival.

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually or as needed to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. We will consider new technologies and best practices in environmental sustainability to continuously improve our performance.

The Environmental Committee will be responsible for setting the objectives and targets within the annual Environmental Plan. This forms an integral part of NMD's overall planning for the year.

### **Contact Information**

For any questions or concerns regarding the NMD environmental policy, please contact John Harris on [john.harris@newmusicdublin.ie](mailto:john.harris@newmusicdublin.ie)

**New Music Dublin Board**

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