

Scottish Contemporary Art Network Environmental Policy 2021

About SCAN

Scottish Contemporary Art Network (SCAN) connects and champions Scotland's contemporary art community. Our organisational and individual members work at the heart of communities from Shetland to the Scottish Borders and from East Lothian to the Western Isles. They include Scotland's leading galleries, artists' studios, workshops and production facilities and a highly skilled workforce of artists, art workers and creative thinkers. They sustain a network of free at the point of access galleries, community organisations and venues together with the workspaces, expertise and production facilities that support artists to pursue their livelihoods. These are responsive and flexible institutions that anchor local communities and open their doors and activities to their neighbours and visitors alike.

SCAN's Vision, Purpose and Strategic aims

Scottish Contemporary Art Network's (SCAN) vision is that the role, impact and benefits of contemporary visual arts are widely recognised as central to society and that sector professionals based in Scotland are informed, innovative and supported to achieve their ambitions.

We provide the forum, impetus and support for the sector to pursue knowledge sharing, networking, research, professional development and advocacy.

Our strategic aims are to

- Connect and unite the sector, sharing knowledge and developing shared sector goals and ambitions
- Champion and promote the sector, helping them to better evidence and articulate the artistic, social and economic impact of their activity
- Cultivate and support a diverse, highly innovative workforce and stronger infrastructure
- Corporate: SCAN is appropriately resourced to exceed the expectations of our members and stakeholders, and we embed innovative equalities and environmental approaches across all aspects of our activity and approach

Our Environmental Commitments

Scottish Contemporary Art Network (SCAN) accepts responsibility for the harmful effects its operations have on both the local and global environment and is committed to reducing them.

SCAN acknowledges that the Climate Crisis affects the global community unequally, and that the understanding and promotion of Climate Justice is an essential element of sustainability.

SCAN has Green Champions at Board and Staff level and will measure our impact on the environment where appropriate. The Board will consider our environmental impact at each board meeting. The staff team will consider our environmental impact at each weekly staff meeting.

As a founding partner of Creative Carbon Scotland SCAN is committed to supporting the contemporary art community and wider public to shape a sustainable Scotland.

As a founding partner of Circular Arts Network with Sculpture Placement Group SCAN supports the circular economy and encourages our staff team and the contemporary art community to redistribute spare resources and reduce waste.

SCAN will support our staff to understand environmental issues and ensure they can fully participate in our reduction efforts.

Our Strategic Actions

External

- SCAN will use our policy role to advocate for public investment in adaptation and sustainable working practices in the contemporary art community
- SCAN will support the contemporary art community to raise public awareness of the Climate Crisis and engagement in Climate Action
- SCAN will seek programming and development partnerships that promote sustainable working and Climate Action

Internal

- SCAN will embed climate awareness across all SCAN Strategic Plans and routine office agendas
- SCAN will implement a sustainability check for all projects and events
- SCAN will pursue carbon budgeting, carbon reduction across its operations and additional off-setting measures where possible and appropriate.

In Partnership

Working with the Contemporary Art Community we will:

- Support and encourage sector projects on climate crisis
- Promote climate awareness through our member activities and programming
- Share the work of our members on climate action through our comms.
- Promote ethical fundraising and the development of climate conscious fundraising policies within the sector

Operations

SCAN is a small organisation of around 3 staff Full Time Equivalent We do not operate a building, we sub-let a small office. We will:

Transport

- Locate office close to cycle and walking routes and public transport
- Locate office with safe cycle storage
- Encourage team and partners to use active travel and public transport
- Restrict use of taxis and cars to circumstances where there is no safe alternative
- Explore partnerships and initiatives that encourage safe active travel for staff and members

Office

- Operate a paper free office wherever possible
- Use second hand and recycled items wherever possible in office fitout and supplies
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products
- minimise waste, work towards maximum energy efficiency, re-use and recycle resources
- Support our landlords to explore improvements in sustainability, e.g. in utility providers

Events and Programme

- Travel planning for all events
- Avoid domestic air travel
- Severely limit international air travel
- Restrict use of single-use items from office and all SCAN events
- Serve vegetarian/vegan catering wherever possible
- Encourage the use of outdoor and green spaces for our activities

As a member of the Green Arts Initiative and Creative Scotland funded organisation we take part in carbon monitoring, and report annually to our funder Creative Scotland.