



# Environmental Sustainability Policy

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MÓTUS Dance is committed to fostering a positive environmental impact within the arts and cultural sector in Milton Keynes and beyond. We recognise that as a dance organisation, our operations, events, and activities carry an environmental footprint, and we are committed to taking responsible actions to reduce this impact.

We seek to work in partnership within the national dance and regional arts sectors and within our local area of Milton Keynes to further our ambitions and impact. Through sustainable practices, education, and community involvement, we aim to inspire positive environmental change.

## Our Commitment

MÓTUS Dance is dedicated to:

- Working collaboratively with artists, audiences, and partners to raise environmental awareness and encourage eco-friendly practices within the arts community.
- Minimising our ecological footprint through efficient use of resources, mindful waste management, and sustainable sourcing.
- Reducing our carbon emissions by prioritising energy efficiency, sustainable transport options, and reducing waste across all our operations.

## Our Goals and Actions

To achieve our environmental ambitions, MÓTUS Dance will focus on the following areas:

### 1. Energy & Resource Efficiency

- Lighting & Energy Use: Promote switching off lights and equipment when not in use.
- Technology & Equipment: Purchase energy-efficient equipment where possible, ensuring that all electronic devices are used thoughtfully to minimise power consumption.
- Water Conservation: Actively monitor water use in all facilities and implement low-flow fixtures to reduce consumption.

### 2. Waste Reduction

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Minimise single-use items in performances, workshops and events. We commit to recycling paper, plastic, and other materials, and encourage our community to adopt these practices.

- Sustainable Materials: Use eco-friendly, recycled, and reusable materials for costumes, sets, and promotional materials, where possible.
- Event Management: Reduce waste at our events by offering digital ticketing, reusable or compostable materials, and recycling facilities for our audience and staff.

### **3. Sustainable Travel**

- Public Transport & Carpooling: Encourage our staff, artists, and audiences to use public transport, cycle or carpool to events and rehearsals whenever feasible and clearly advise on these transport options.
- Carbon Offsetting: Where travel is essential, we will explore options to offset our carbon footprint.
- Remote Engagement: Use virtual meetings, rehearsals, and workshops where possible to reduce travel-related emissions.

### **4. Sustainable Partnerships and Community Engagement**

- Collaborative Efforts: Work with like-minded organisations, suppliers and partners who are committed to sustainable practices.
- Environmental Awareness: Incorporate environmental themes into our performances and programmes to inspire our audiences and participants to consider their environmental impact.
- Local Sourcing: Prioritise local suppliers for materials, food and other resources, supporting sustainable practices within our community.

### **5. Monitoring and Reporting**

- Performance Tracking: Regularly monitor and review our environmental performance, setting annual objectives to ensure continuous improvement.
- Transparency: Share our environmental progress and commitments publicly, engaging our community in our sustainability journey.
- Training: Provide regular training for our staff and volunteers on best practices for environmental sustainability, empowering them to support our goals.

### **Our Future Vision**

MÓTUS Dance aspires to be a leader in sustainable arts within Milton Keynes. We will continue to learn, adapt, and evolve our practices to ensure a positive environmental legacy. We invite our community to join us in building a greener, more sustainable future for the arts.

## **Review and Accountability**

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect our ongoing commitment to sustainability.