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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_2 and help the community
- Use local suppliers with good green credentials as far as possible

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