TAKE ONE ACTION FILM FESTIVALS
Environmental Policy

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Take One Action nurtures communal exploration of the stories, ideas and questions at the heart of positive social change. Through film screenings, conversation and enquiry, we bring people together to inspire a fairer, more sustainable and more fulfilling world, in Scotland and beyond our borders.

Environmental justice lies at the heart of Take One Action's ethos. We are committed to exposing and addressing the root causes of the climate crisis and its disproportionate impact on the most disadvantaged and excluded.

We recognise our own involvement in the systems and actions that continue to damage the environment and fuel the climate crisis. We are committed to reducing our impact on the environment wherever and whenever possible.

Our business:

Take One Action was established in 2008 with the aim of celebrating the people and films that are changing the world. We do this through

- year-round events and collaborations (incl. an annual festival)
- a network of Film Clubs whose events take place throughout the year and throughout Scotland,
- a specially-curated online film directory.

We are a small team, helped by a group of passionate and dedicated volunteers throughout the year.

Our impact:

We are committed to reducing the negative environmental impact that occurs as a result of our work in the following areas:

- our business travel,
- our office management and the goods and services we use,
- our building's use of energy, water and waste,
- our marketing materials,
- our online presence and the servers we rely on,
- our events and the energy, water, travel and transport that is involved,
- our banking and procurement policy.

Our commitments:

We are committed to understanding, measuring, analysing and reducing our environmental impact and engaging staff in this process. Our main areas of focus for reducing our impact are:

- Keeping our business travel to a minimum. Alongside a commitment to avoid domestic flights and unnecessary flight legs for international travel, this also includes actively promoting the use of low-carbon modes of transport to our events such as walking, cycling and train travel;
- Working with our building managers – the Out of the Blue Education Trust – and venue partners to help identify and implement actions to reduce energy and water usage, reduce waste, promote recycling and rely, where possible, on green energy sources;
- Considering environmental factors in our daily office management and procurement by prioritising suppliers that are committed to environmental sustainability and ethical trading practices; enforcing a 'power-off' policy in the office;
- Minimising our digital carbon footprint – e.g. by hosting our website on "green" servers and probing all digital service providers (incl. film streaming sites) on their environmental commitments;
- Ensuring that our marketing strategies reflect our commitment to environmental sustainability (ordering smaller print runs to avoid wastage, working with vegetable inks, minimising the manufacture of branded goods, and using our website to highlight environmental causes to our audiences);
- Providing staff with training and information on climate justice and the climate emergency.

Take One Action is a member of the Green Arts Initiative, set up by Creative Carbon Scotland. Through this programme we are actively working to reduce our carbon footprint by measuring our carbon impact. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis and updated as and when necessary. The policy is supported by Take One Action's Environmental Action Plan, which is informed by our environmental monitoring and measurement and is subject to annual review and approval by trustees.