

# HOME Sustainable Rider

There are inevitable environmental impacts of creating amazing work – after all, everything has a carbon footprint, even this document! But with this Sustainable Rider we seek to minimize waste, eliminate single-use plastic, support positive social impacts and reduce overall ecological footprint. We'd be grateful if you would consider our requests and fulfil them where possible. We'd like you on this sustainable journey with us. Thank you very much.

## 1. Plastics: Single-use plastics

HOME has committed to become a no single-use plastic organisation and we'd like you on this journey with us. We no longer provide plastic recycling bins. Where possible please avoid single-use plastic. Our in-house catering company offer a range of alternatives to single-use. If you do bring single-use plastic with you, we ask that you take responsibility for your choices and take your plastic waste home with you.

**Single-use plastics, often also referred to as disposable plastics, are commonly used for plastic packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. These include, among other items, grocery bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups and cutlery.”**

- UN Single-Use Plastics - Roadmap to Sustainability 2018

## 2. Water:

Drinking water is available in the Green Room and from our bars and restaurants on each floor. Please bring your own reusable bottle or use a HOME reusable glass/cup and return it to the bar after you have finished with it.

## 3. Recycling facilities

HOME is a zero-to-landfill organisation. That means none of our waste ends up on the dump. But we want to be better still, reducing our waste and repurposing materials wherever possible. You will find clearly labelled bins in our spaces. We no longer accept plastic waste.

## 4. Food choices

Did you know that you can cut your carbon footprint by up to 40% by switching to a plant-based diet? Over half of our restaurant menu is meat-free. If procuring food from Wardley Ltd ask for sustainable choices.

## 5. Promotional and production materials

Sustainable procurement is really important to us. Understanding how and where a product is sourced and who creates it helps us be responsible for our actions. Search beyond greenwashing statements and seek to make informed, ethical and sustainable choices.

Please consider the environment at all stages of your production and planning – from design through to completion. Key areas to consider are printing, promotional and marketing materials. HOME uses carbon positive printing company [Seacourt Ltd](#) for our season guides. We utilise digital signage to communicate around our building, helping to reduce our print output, contact [communications@homemcr.org](mailto:communications@homemcr.org)

Our wall and window vinyls are no single-use plastic and our supplier [Trafford Signs](#) repurpose the materials after we've finished with them.

## **6. Energy**

We want our stage to shine brightly long into the future, that's why we use a renewable energy provider for our electricity. We're also committed to reducing our energy consumption, and we ask you to do the same. Use natural light wherever available, look at low-energy lighting in your designs, don't run heating when a space is not in use. HOME building has passive cooling in warmer months and in the winter uses underfloor heating. We monitor this and work to keep the building at an ambient temperature. We advise all HOME team and now our visitors to dress according to the seasons. Did you know you can reduce your own carbon footprint by around 35% by [switching to a renewable energy provider](#) in your own home?

## **7. Travel**

Our audience and business travel emissions contribute to around 70% of HOME's carbon footprint. That's why we need you to consider your choices and opt for low and no carbon modes of travel. HOME's Sustainable Travel Policy includes no taxis before 11pm, no domestic flights and carbon footprint comparisons of travel modes for European trips. You'll find secure cycle parking outside our building and Manchester's Free Bus stop on Whitworth Street West. We're within walking distance from the city centre's train and tram stops, and Metrolink's tram network runs on renewable electricity. Encourage your visitors to clean our city's air by leading by example.

## **8. Learn**

Knowledge is power, that's why we've trained all of our staff in Carbon Literacy. We're the first arts venue in the world to achieve this and we have two certified in-house trainers. Each member of the HOME team understands the carbon impacts of their choices and are responsible for making positive change. Is this something you'd like to do too? We'll share our knowledge with you! We've trained over 40 different organisations from across the UK and Europe. Take a look [here](#) and find the right type of training for you.

## **9. Inspire!**

We believe that as an arts organisation at the heart of the community we are best placed to advocate responsible action in the face of climate emergency. We ask you to use your voice and your platform to inspire others

to make the changes required to secure a creative green future for all. No idea is too big – talk to us and let's drive sustainable change through collaboration. Want to have a conversation with us? Email [environmental@homemcr.org](mailto:environmental@homemcr.org)

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