

Environmental and sustainability policy March 2021

Our organisational aim is to promote sustainability, as a guiding principle within our work. We run the Sustainable Future Centre in Queenwood providing information and resources, a pioneering space where we can explore and share the key part art has to play in making our lives more sustainable. Where we will host pioneering projects to support and encourage people, locally and internationally, and demonstrate that the pursuit of a flourishing ecology, human wellbeing and a prosperous local economy are worthwhile and inter-related objectives with multiple benefits.

We will:

- Promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation and communicate and implement this policy with the public
- Increase the use of renewable energy, public transport, re-use and recycling methods, and reduce the use of water, waste and other resources
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation/regulation
- Promote and encourage involvement in local/ national and international environmental initiatives/schemes/networks through our Sustainable Futures Centre in Queenswood.

Our vision is that we have arrived at a time that:

- Herefordshire is the happiest and healthiest place to live - in an increasingly healthy and happy United Kingdom and world
- The County is acknowledged as a national leader in combatting what was once considered to be a climate and ecological emergency and has achieved carbon neutrality ahead of its 2030 target
- Local communities within the county are inclusive, mutually supportive and cohesive
- Homelessness, poverty, hunger and gross inequality *have been* eradicated
- The health of the people of the county being recognised as systemically interconnected with the health of the environment and the farming system which provides our food (cf the HWT 2020 Vision).
- The well-being and flourishing of people through participation and creative engagement to build resilience and harmony with ourselves and with the rest of nature

Our environmental sustainability principles enable us to collaborate around shared language and intent, while ensuring that our work is effective in mitigating and responding to the current climate and ecological emergency.

These principles are:

- Creative futures - expanding imaginations to embrace positive future possibilities
- Participatory - involving people as democratically as possible
- Holistic and inclusive - the environment is not a single issue; humans are part of nature
- Intersectional and accessible – bringing different communities together so that they understand each other's interdependence
- Compassionate - increasing care for others
- Planet-kind - doing no harm and aiming to heal.