

Fourth Wall Folkestone Environmental Policy

Fourth Wall Folkestone recognises that good environmental management is an essential part of overall good practice in the creative and social enterprise sector. Fourth Wall Folkestone will therefore strive to adopt the highest available environmental standards in all its areas of operation. We focus on continual improvement with the main aim of becoming a zero carbon and waste organisation.

Fourth Wall Folkestone will involve team members and collaborators as much as possible both in implementing this policy internally, and in disseminating information externally about its progress in improving environmental standards. We will do this by making our policy publicly available on our website and in our gallery. Fourth Wall Folkestone has already made significant progress at mitigating its environmental impact and since 2021 has managed to:

- Keep our packaging and marketing materials to a minimum.
- Use recycled paper and cardboard where possible.
- Recycle both paper and plastics.
- Keep all documents electronically where possible to reduce our use of paper and use e-ticketing systems.
- Encourage reworking and recycling of artwork until we are happy with the outcome rather than disposing of pieces.

Fourth Wall Folkestone continues to commit to:

- Prevention of pollution
- Compliance with all environmental legislation
- Continue to be a zero to landfill Organisation
- Create “scrap packs” containing offcuts from artworks. These are for sale by donation to encourage others to consider using their own waste to produce mixed media collages.
- Make some of our own materials such as wheat paste and paper.
- Wherever possible source or discard art supplies using Freecycle, Facebook Marketplace, Vinted and Charity shops.
- Encourage going with the element of chance and using what materials are presented if possible rather than buying new.

To improve our environmental performance, Fourth Wall Folkesone will:

- Continue researching environmentally friendly alternatives to materials such as acrylics etc. and once we have used the materials we already own, we aim to switch to these alternatives.
- Where specific materials are needed, we aim to shop local and as sustainably as possible.
- We promote 'Shop Local' Campaigns and hold events for "Colour Friday" annually.
- We keep in regular contact with our local community platform for sustainability: 'The Next Step' who offer advice on sustainability.
- We work with local artist on projects that specifically aim to tackle environmental issues using creative methods.

We are continuously looking for ways to improve and would welcome any advice or feedback via email to info@fourthwallfolkestone.co.uk