



Environment Policy

Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre is committed to ‘greening’ our organisation and will follow the guidelines as set out in: <https://theatreforum.ie/green-arts-initiative-in-ireland/news-events/>

As environmental sustainability concerns become more prominent, the motivations and requirements for arts organisations to affect their environmental impact continues to grow. As well as meeting funding, reporting and legal requirements, improving our environmental sustainability can also save money and help the theatre to work more efficiently.

We at Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre are committed to the principle of reduce, reuse and recycle, proactively working to minimise our environmental impact and promote more sustainable ways of working to our volunteers, partners and stakeholders.

We aspire to address, through our artistic programme, the ideas and questions about environmental sustainability and to help raise the profile of these ideas through productions and related events.

The following is a list of projects to reduce our carbon footprint and encourage a greener business:

Energy	Ballinasloe Town Hall Theatre was originally built as an agricultural hall in 1846. It was refurbished into a theatre in the 1980’s. Much work has been carried out to improve the energy efficiency of the building in recent years:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roof restoration • Replacement of old oil boiler with gas • Single-glazed windows with damaged frames have been replaced with bespoke double-glazed windows • Exit doors (drafty) have been replaced with more efficient doors • LED stage lighting has been purchased to replace older lighting stock with plans for additional investment in the future
Travel	Acknowledging the importance of in-person meetings, meetings through online forums (Zoom, Teams) are first consideration before travelling. This saves travel expense, time and reduces car use.
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling bins in place for paper waste • Plastic bottles/cans are recycled separately through the deposit return scheme • General house lighting changed to low-energy bulbs • Sensor lights in toilets – rather than being left on all day • Timers and heating zones are in place which enables controlled and area specific use of heat within the building • Environment friendly weed control (white vinegar & salt) • Grass to the rear of building is let grow to promote biodiversity • Moving to e-tickets and scanners rather than paper tickets • Actively encourage recycling with signage and in person guidance to audience members after shows.

Plans for 2024:

Research sustainable energy options for the theatre and apply for grant aid for the installation of solar panels.

This policy is reviewed and updated annually.

References/Resources: <https://theatreforum.ie/green-arts-initiative-in-ireland/news-events/>

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