

DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Governing Body: The Trustees of Dulwich Picture Gallery

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Our Approach

- Dulwich Picture Gallery recognises its sustainability obligations to its staff, visitors, Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery, local community and stakeholders – both locally and globally – and to current and future generations. Dulwich Picture Gallery aims to take a leading role in defining best sustainability practice, and will set its own appropriate and demanding standards.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery is committed to transparency in, and public access to, the formulation and implementation of its Sustainability Policy and its commitments. Dulwich Picture Gallery will formulate, publish, implement and monitor commitments set out in the overall Policy, and will periodically review their efficiency and promote their continued development.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery is continually looking into ways to improve upon its Environmental Sustainability Policy. It will share knowledge and learn from those who adhere to best practice within the Museum and Gallery world.

Our Commitments

The Collection and Exhibitions Programme

- Dulwich Picture Gallery is committed to implementing the requirements of all relevant sustainability legislation and regulations and where possible, exceed any relevant minimum requirements which do not negatively affect its particular environmental requirements which fundamentally aim to protect the artworks in its care.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery will manage its art collection for future generations by continuing acquisitions, conservation and documentation of works to the highest of standards with long term liabilities in mind. The Gallery will abide by best practice standards recommended by the Museums Association and act ethically in collecting, loaning and in its temporary exhibitions. The Gallery will use its best endeavours to achieve a balance between the conservation of its masterpieces and its responsibilities to the environment.

Use of Resources

- Dulwich Picture Gallery will monitor its use of natural resources, both non-renewable and renewable, and maximise the efficiency and effectiveness with which they are used, with a view to minimising environmental impacts.
- Measures will be taken to reduce our energy consumption in the gallery and offices of non-renewable resources. Measures include: use of LED lighting in our galleries by 2016; turning

down heating in office and meeting spaces; adjusting heating provision during weekends and evenings; adjusting all printers, monitors and office equipment to economy and resource saving settings; adjusting galley environmental controls to the narrowest range in line with lender and Indemnity minimum requirement.

- Dulwich Picture Gallery reuses and recycles gallery, office and café waste as much as is possible or practicable. This includes recycling, reusing or donating the majority of the waste produced during workshops, events, exhibitions and displays.
- Where feasible, the gallery uses recycled and renewable products from local sources. The Gallery will not knowingly use suppliers that do not adhere to sustainable principles. Dulwich Picture Gallery uses Fair Trade products for items, which cannot normally be sourced locally, such as tea and coffee.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery is committed to regularly researching sources of funding to assist in reducing energy consumption.

Transport

- Dulwich Picture Gallery will encourage visitors, staff and volunteers to walk, cycle and use public transport, bearing in mind the special needs of disabled people.
- Where possible, the Gallery will discourage any non-essential couriering of artworks and meetings in person with the aim to lower the environmental impacts and monetary costs associated with travel.
- The Gallery will encourage consolidation of the collection and dispersal of loans in and out.

Environmental and Social Sustainability

- Dulwich Picture Gallery aims to raise the sustainability awareness of its staff, visitors, Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery, local community and stakeholders by promoting the concept of sustainable development and by openly recognising the on-going need to move towards a more sustainable future. Dulwich Picture Gallery will foster and promote research and education in sustainability by raising its objectives in its publications and internet activities.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery provides an inspiring environment for people to meet and socialise. The Gallery will continue to be open and approachable to the widest range of visitors and staff.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery promotes equal opportunities both with staff, volunteers, suppliers and visitors.
- Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own particular needs whatever they might be. Staff are encouraged to think beyond satisfying the immediate need and be aware of the impact of their decision on the future of the gallery. Dulwich Picture Gallery aims to contribute towards a sustainable community by encouraging staff to purchase goods and services that cause the least harm to the environment.
- Dulwich Picture Gallery provides volunteering opportunities for individuals to gain valuable experience and training within the sector.
- Staff are provided with guidance and access to resources, such as those provided by the Museums Association and Julie's Bicycle.