

UTILITA ARENA SHEFFIELD

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



The Utilita Arena Sheffield recognises that its operations have a direct impact on the environment.

Wherever possible single-use plastics are being replaced with more sustainable alternatives and we are currently introducing biodegradable paper straws & wooden cutlery.

- As part of our step-by-step change to remove single-use plastics Utilita Arena Sheffield have introduced Stack-Cups, an environmentally friendly alternative.
- The products are washable, durable, and reusable cups - perfect for eradicating single-use plastic at our events.
- Using Stack-Cups, the Arena will reduce the number of disposable cups by 700,000+ every year.
- At the end of our events, customers can leave their reusable cups in the designated bins, ready to be washed and reused or taken home and brought back to the venue on your next visit.

The Arena food & packaging is recyclable, biodegradable and sourced locally.

Our Waste Management contractor, Viridor, recycles over 90% of the waste generated at the venue - this means that 90% of customer waste that is put into our bins is recycled and we are working with our contractor to further increase this. We also have a zero waste to landfill policy.

We no longer use harmful cleaning chemicals.

Our venue is powered by 100% Certified Renewable Electricity only, with 100% of our heating produced from Biomass District Heating from the local power station.

In all aspects of our business, we are looking at the impact our operation will have on our environment and at how environmental impact can be minimised.

As a member of the National Arenas Association the Utilita Arena Sheffield is committed to working as part of the Live Music Industry Venues & Entertainment (LIVE) community.

What is LIVE?

LIVE (Live music Industry Venues & Entertainment) is the voice of the UK's live music and entertainment business. LIVE members are a federation of 13 live music industry associations representing 3,150 companies, 4,000 artists and 2,000 backstage workers.

LIVE works to ensure that the interests of live music in the UK are understood and communicated to Government, policy makers, regulators, the public and the wider music and entertainment industries. Through collective representation, LIVE promotes the interests of artists, venues, festivals, promoters, booking agents, crew and production suppliers.

LIVE Green

At LIVE we recognise the global climate and biodiversity crisis as the greatest threat to humanity. We acknowledge (and welcome) the responsibility to act now - committing to a regenerative future, taking the lead on climate action and collaborating towards a sustainable society.

LIVE is a vital hub to coordinate the UK's live industry response - collating and providing research, expertise and cross-industry innovation that is informed by the best science and supports the transition to a regenerative future.

To that end LIVE Green has developed a Vision, voluntary declaration for individual businesses and Purpose for Live Green to support the live industry to act and that the lead for significant action necessary under the banner "This is Not a Rehearsal."

LIVE Beyond Zero STRAPLINE

LIVE Beyond Zero

This is not a rehearsal.

LIVE Beyond Zero VISION

This is not a rehearsal

We commit to a regenerative future, taking the lead on climate action and collaborating towards a sustainable society.

We take immediate responsibility for individual and collective actions to make ongoing absolute reductions in greenhouse gas emissions* and reach net zero by 2030.

We will work together with our stakeholders to inspire positive change in areas outside our direct control.

* Scope 1, Scope 2 and business travel (<https://ghgprotocol.org/>)

LIVE Beyond Zero DECLARATION

As a responsible member of the LIVE community, I/we commit to...

- Work with LIVE Green to reduce our operational and business travel Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, set reduction targets in line with the LIVE Green vision, measure and report progress annually.
- Develop a net zero roadmap and action plan - taking responsibility for actions in energy, waste, procurement, transport, food and governance.
- Understand and define emissions within our value chain, follow best practice to affect change in areas outside of our direct control and collaborate with suppliers and clients towards the LIVE Beyond Zero Vision
- Ensure our people undertake climate literacy education and have an ongoing commitment to knowledge sharing within the live music sector and beyond.
- Talk to our stakeholders honestly about the impacts of our business on the environment and efforts we are making towards a regenerative future.

LIVE Beyond Zero PURPOSE

LIVE Green aims to:

- Champion, support and help co-ordinate the live music industry's response to the climate and ecological emergency*
- Tap into the power of music to positively affect people's lives and influence broader societal change and accelerate national climate ambitions and policy. Ensure a fair and just transition; and equal, inclusive, and diverse involvement across the industry.

- Ensure meaningful climate investment is made to achieve our collective targets in the short, medium and long term to support ecosystem restoration, climate justice and establish an industry-wide approach on permanent emissions drawdown by 2030.
- Collate sector specific support, guidance, tools, training and resources, while facilitating independent review of all progress and keeping the industry ahead of scientific and legislative curves.

* By consulting with the industry on appropriate ongoing reduction targets following a science-based pathway and working with supply chain stakeholders to ensure realistic, solutions focused responses are achievable and available in response to our targets.

Environmental Policy Statement of Sheffield City Trust and Subsidiary Companies

1. The Company recognises and accepts that concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of the Company's corporate business strategy.
2. The Company will seek actively to reduce its impact on the environment, to the lowest practicable minimum, by recognising its responsibilities through a positive policy on safety in the workplace, control of pollution and care for the local environment. Any threat of pollution from its activities and products will be identified and either eliminated or effectively controlled.
3. This policy has been reviewed, formalised and endorsed by the Company Chief Executive who will take responsibility for its execution and require that it is a prime concern of managers and employees at all levels.
4. This statement will be brought to the attention of all employees, suppliers and contractors. Copies will be made freely available to the general public, regulatory authorities and customers on request.

The Company environmental Action Programme is formulated to implement the policy.

The SCT Action Programme determines the specific objectives for environmental control, providing guidelines for Company personnel who have the responsibility for ensuring that all the objectives are met. A significant contribution to the reduction of pollution and the more efficient use of energy will come from research and development aimed at process modification and equipment design.

Management Involvement

Managers at all levels throughout the Company will take individual responsibility to ensure that environmental issues are considered carefully when making decisions or when planning and controlling work.

Workforce Involvement

All employees will be made aware of their individual responsibilities for acting in accordance with the Company environmental policy.

Accountabilities for environmental matters will be clearly defined within the management structure. Appropriate training and instruction will be provided to employees who have specific responsibilities for environmental issues.

Engineering and Safety

Plant and Safe Systems of Work will be designed and maintained to the highest possible standard in order to minimise accidents and unforeseen occurrences. The Company will endeavour to work closely with the relevant statutory bodies to meet all applicable legislation and improve operating procedures. Systems have been, and will be, developed to provide the appropriate response to deal with any incident which may have an environmental significance.

Products

The Company's products, including their packaging, will be designed to have the minimum negative impact on the environment, so far as is practicable, during manufacture, installation, use and disposal.

Waste Reduction and Recycling

Careful consideration will be given to the elimination or minimisation of waste at source and the recycling or reuse of materials where possible.

Ink cartridges/Toners:

Ink and toner cartridges, when emptied, are suitably stored and then returned to the supplier or local companies for refill/reuse.

Plastics/Cardboard/Metals:

The Company separates plastic, cardboard and metal materials and employs dedicated recycling storage containers at its premises which are then transferred to the local authority collection area.

Paper:

Paper recycling containers are placed around the Company's office premises for the collection of all wastepaper products. These are collected, when full, by a local contractor for onward movement to a dedicated recycling centre.

Waste Disposal

Disposal and transport of wastes off site will be carried out in a responsible manner with due regard to all environmental and health and safety legislation. Discharge of trade effluent to sewer will be as required by legislation, through consents and controls.

Effects on the Community

Noise, odour, atmospheric emissions, traffic and other aspects of the Company's activities, which can affect the local community, will be controlled to the lowest practical level.

The Company will seek to be a good neighbour and improve the aesthetic appearance of the site.

Complaints

The Company will continue to develop its existing system for handling complaints from individuals or local organisations and make every effort to provide an efficient and friendly channel of communication.

All complaints will be investigated by senior management. The findings of the investigation, and any corrective action to be taken, will be conveyed back to the original person, or organisation that raised the complaint.

Openness

The Company wishes to develop an open and effective relationship with regulatory and local authorities, its clients and the local community or its representatives. The Company will make available copies of its environmental policy and procedures to anyone who requests it.