

# Sustainability Policy

Stamford International Film Festival

## 1. Purpose

The Stamford International Film Festival is committed to minimising its environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices across all aspects of its operations. This policy outlines our approach to environmental responsibility, social impact, and long-term sustainability within the film and events industry.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all festival activities, including event planning, venue management, partnerships, suppliers, staff, volunteers, filmmakers, and attendees.

## 3. Key Principles

### 3.1 Environmental Responsibility

We aim to reduce our environmental footprint by:

- Minimising waste and promoting reuse and recycling
- Reducing energy consumption and prioritising renewable sources where possible
- Limiting single-use plastics across all festival venues
- Encouraging sustainable transport options for staff, guests, and attendees

### 3.2 Sustainable Procurement

We will:

- Prioritise local, ethical, and environmentally responsible suppliers
- Work with vendors who demonstrate sustainable practices
- Reduce unnecessary materials, packaging, and printed items

### 3.3 Carbon Reduction

We are committed to:

- Measuring and monitoring our carbon footprint
- Reducing emissions through efficient planning and digital solutions
- Encouraging virtual participation where appropriate
- Offsetting unavoidable emissions through credible environmental programmes

### 3.4 Waste Management

We will:

- Implement clearly labelled recycling and waste stations at all venues
- Work toward zero waste to landfill
- Donate or reuse surplus materials and resources after the event

### 3.5 Sustainable Programming

We aim to:

- Promote films and content that raise awareness of environmental and social issues
- Support filmmakers who incorporate sustainability into their production practices

### 3.6 Community Engagement

We will:

- Engage local communities and businesses in festival activities
- Promote inclusivity, accessibility, and cultural diversity
- Support local economic development

### 3.7 Travel & Transport

We encourage:

- Use of public transport, cycling, and walking
- Car-sharing among attendees and staff

## 4. Partnerships & Collaboration

We will collaborate with sponsors, partners, and stakeholders who share our commitment to sustainability and encourage them to adopt similar practices.

## 5. Monitoring & Reporting

We will:

- Set measurable sustainability goals for each festival edition
- Track performance and identify areas for improvement
- Share progress with stakeholders transparently

## 6. Continuous Improvement

Sustainability is an ongoing process. We commit to regularly reviewing and updating this policy to reflect best practices and emerging standards in sustainable event management.

## 7. Responsibility

All staff, volunteers, partners, and participants share responsibility for implementing this policy and contributing to a more sustainable festival.