



Environmental Impact Policy

Outland Opera is an environmentally conscious organisation, rooted in our respect for the earth.

Our ethos includes a concerted effort to engender audience members with a sense of pride and responsibility for their environs. Our “leave no trace” ethos is promoted on marketing literature and ticket information.

“Leave no trace”

We ask our audiences, artists, volunteers and staff respect the principals of “leave no trace” when attending our sites.

- **Food and drink:** If you bring your own food and drink, please take non-recyclable rubbish with you. We will provide portable compost and recycling solutions at each site, and compost will go to local farmers and gardeners. That’s right – your crusts could become carrots!
- **Wet weather:** Some of our performances are outdoors, so it’s important that you bring wet weather gear with you! In an effort to minimise waste, we do not provide disposable ponchos or umbrellas.
- **Parking:** To avoid the stress of being late for performances, driving for longer than you need to, or parking somewhere inappropriate, we think it’s a good idea to make sure you know where you’re going and how you’ll get there before you leave home.
- **Protecting the ground:** Please use roads, tracks and footpaths when getting to performances on foot - going “off-piste” is not recommended! When walking or setting up the perfect spot to view our production, please avoid vegetation, living soil or creatures where possible. It’s best to avoid stolen food and stings on bums!
- **Toilets:** Please refrain from “natural” toilet breaks, which can damage plants and animals. Instead, use the toilets provided, or go before you leave the house.
- **Practice humility:** Take pictures of beautiful stones and flowers – please don’t take them home.
- **Pets:** As much as we love animals, we do not allow pets at our performances.

We thank our audiences for their cooperation. We are very glad to answer any questions. If we spot little people being particularly careful, we may even offer them a prize!

1. Commitments

- To acknowledge the climate emergency and act accordingly
- To respect local communities and environments by adhering to the tenets of ‘leave no trace’
- To reduce our impact on the environment by minimising emissions and waste

2. Scope

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Outland Opera, including the board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers, production teams, and performers.

3. Implementation

As well as our ‘leave no trace’ policy, Outland Opera will:

- Choose a charity bank account with the best environmental credentials possible.
- Ensure that any future investments made to secure the charity’s financial future are ethical.
- Reduce our on-site impact by enforcing specific measures, such as:
 - performing in daylight where possible to reduce the need for generators to power lighting
 - looking for environmentally friendly solutions to portable toilets where possible
 - promoting good environmental hygiene practices amongst our audience members and ensure that we “leave no trace” at each of the sites we perform at.
- Look for the most cost effective and environmentally friendly transport solutions.
- Encourage directors, designers, production managers and company stage managers to build sets using sustainable or reusable materials, with props and costumes being bought second hand.
- Minimise the use of solvents or lead-based paints.

Outland Opera is part of Culture Declares Emergency.

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