



DG Unlimited – Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Policy

1. Introduction

DG Unlimited (DGU) recognises the climate emergency and is committed to playing an active role in reducing our carbon footprint, preserving our natural environment, and supporting a just transition to a greener future.

As an organisation rooted in Dumfries and Galloway a region of outstanding natural beauty, a UNESCO Biosphere, home to the Galloway Forest Park, RSPB reserves on the Solway Coast, and the Southern Upland Way we take seriously our responsibility to protect the land, sea, wildlife and communities we serve.

2. Alignment with Global, UK and Scottish Commitments

This policy aligns with:

- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (especially Goals 11, 12 and 13)
- The UK Government's legally binding net zero target by 2050
- The Scottish Government's net zero target by 2045 and Climate Change Plan (2020)
- Creative Scotland's Environmental Sustainability policy and carbon reduction goals

3. Our Environmental Aims

We will:

- Minimise the environmental impact of our operations, events and activities
- Use resources efficiently and avoid waste
- Reduce energy use and travel emissions
- Embed environmental thinking across all planning and programming
- Support partners and artists to adopt sustainable practices

4. Our Local Commitments

As a Dumfries and Galloway-based organisation, we are committed to:

- Celebrating and protecting our local natural assets
- Partnering with organisations in the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
- Minimising disruption to local ecosystems and rural landscapes
- Promoting responsible and low-impact cultural tourism



5. Practical Actions We Will Take

- Use digital meetings and events wherever appropriate to reduce travel
- Choose venues with environmental credentials and accessible public transport
- Promote lift-sharing and low-emission travel among participants and staff
- Minimise printing and paper use; use recycled or FSC-certified materials
- Avoid single-use plastics at events
- Reuse materials and equipment where possible
- Use local suppliers to reduce transport emissions and support the local green economy
- Include environmental clauses in partner and contractor agreements
- Consider environmental impact when making funding decisions or evaluating projects

6. Monitoring and Reporting

We will track and report on our performance annually. We will share learning with Creative Scotland and our networks and continue to improve.

7. Staff and Stakeholder Engagement

We will provide training and guidance to our Board, staff, and delivery partners to promote climate literacy and support a culture of care and environmental responsibility.

8. Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy will be reviewed every year to ensure it reflects new evidence, policy developments, and community priorities.