

Film City Glasgow

Environmental Policy & Action Plan

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Introduction

Film City Glasgow (FCG) is a base for film and TV production, post production and creative media services. Our adaptable facility for the film and TV industry attracts large scale productions and is home to over 25 permanent tenants from the creative media industries. As well as providing film facilities we have created a community and an environment that has enabled the whole production process to take place under one roof.

Mission

FCG is committed to realising best practice in facility management. We believe that by conserving resources and reducing emissions we will not only ensure that we are a sustainable business that supports all of the Scottish screen and creative media industries, but also, that we can positively impact on our communities long term, local to global.

Responsibility & Mutual Agreement

The policy asks that all FCG staff, its tenants and building users are mindful of the Programme For Sustainability aims and aspirations. The responsibility for ensuring that the policy aims are met rests with FCG staff and building users. Through the Green Sub-Group, FCG and its building users have created a mutual agreement of realistic, everyday promises, described in the Action Plan at the end of this document.

It is the responsibility of FCG staff and the nominated 'Green Warden' of each tenant company to ensure that the mutual agreement is upheld on a day to day basis.



Policy Aims

FCG understands that real impact evolves from cultural change and visible rewards. The following is a breakdown of the areas we will address to achieve these.

Culture

It is the aim of FCG to deliver a quality working environment for the Scottish screen industry, by involving and supporting building users to put the green action plan into daily practice.

Through daily monitoring by FCG staff, building users are actively encouraged to reduce their use of electricity, gas and water, and electrical appliances are switched off once no longer in use. FCG aims to raise the profile of the forward thinking Scottish screen industry.

Utilities

Heating insulation has supported the decrease in radiator temperatures and recycled water is used to maintain plants around the building.

FCG staff are monitoring utilities and, where possible, adapting the fabric of the building to support a reduction in resource usage.

Recycling

In 2012, FCG had 5 general waste collections each week. This has since been reduced by 2, equating to a 40% reduction in waste to landfill.

Since 2012, FCG has doubled its recycling collections, from 1 each week to 2 each week. We endeavor to continue reducing general waste collections and increasing recycling, so eventually we are producing zero general waste.



Action Plan

FCG will continue to monitor the policies detailed in the Environmental Policy through the following action plan:

Communication and reporting:

- Quarterly Green Group Meetings with tenants to discuss ongoing plans and changes around the building
- Green highlights and tips in the newsletter each month to remind and inspire building users to be 'green'
- Regular updates on our utilities and waste management on the Green Notice Board
- Continuing to apply for awards to highlight our successes/future plans and to engage our tenants/clients with our achievements
- Regular updates from John Easton, the PFS Researcher
- Staff will stay ahead of changes in the law and will communicate these to our building users

Utilities:

- FCG staff will continue to monitor utility readings and analyze the data with our PFS researcher
- FCG staff will communicate with energy providers to ensure that we obtain the most competitive energy charges

All building users can engage with and support the programme by:

- Engaging with each other on strategies and ideas which further promote sustainable practices
- Continuing to monitor utilities and behavior in the building
- Organizing and attending events to highlight achievements and involvement with other businesses
- Documenting successes and areas to improve in, by using relevant tools to motivate and inspire, including the FCG website.



Mutual Agreement

Through the Green Sub-Group meetings, FCG and its tenants compiled a list of mutual agreements that both parties felt were important, and both promise to uphold. These are listed below.

- FCG and its tenants will promote using public transport to get to work
- FCG and its tenants will promote the purchase of energy efficient and recyclable products
- FCG and its tenants will ensure that the correct materials are recycled and put into the appropriate bin
- FCG and its tenants will ensure that the use of electrical equipment is limited to when it is essential.