

CLIFF COLLEGE

FESTIVAL 2023 **SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

We believe it is our Christian duty to be role models for better behaviour - not to do only what society expects, but to model a different way of living as part of our missional ethos. Everything we do and consume has an impact on other people, and so we are striving to become more conscious of what we consume and to concentrate on ways to positively impact people around us and the planet. Cliff Festival is taking concrete steps to becoming a more sustainable, eco-friendly event and we aim to be transparent in our progress towards this goal. Participants, volunteers, contributors and exhibitors are encouraged to join us in this journey and can find ideas and suggestions here in our Sustainability Plan.

What have we done so far:

- Waste management is maintained by Peak Waste, who sort the waste and ensure that nothing goes to landfill.
 - Reduced printing and use of paper, switching instead to digital resources. Finding alternative ways to display the Festival programme and communicate information.
 - Begun selling reusable water containers and encouraging all attendees to use reusable water containers to refill, rather than purchasing plastic water bottles.
 - Introduced a programme of tree planting.
 - Switched most light fixtures in the College buildings to LED bulbs.
 - Switched to using rechargeable batteries in AV equipment.
-

What we are committing to do now:

Review and change the way we offer catering and refreshments at Cliff Festival:

- Reducing the use of meat and making vegetarian meals the default option.
- Holding 'Vegetarian Sunday' on 28 May 2023.
- Reducing the use of plastic and stopping the sale of water bottles/any single use plastic across site.
- Introducing more water stations and encouraging people to refill their reusable bottles.

CLIFF COLLEGE

- Reducing food waste by being more conscientious with ordering.
- Donating any excess food to the Archer Project.
- Sourcing food ingredients and items in a more sustainable way, including sourcing locally where possible.

Reduce emissions:

- Inviting contributors from outside of the UK to contribute online rather than in-person.
- Having our planning meetings online instead of in-person.
- Creating opportunities for participants to travel via public transport by putting on a shuttle service from local train stations.
- Linking up volunteers within a 30-mile radius who could travel to Festival together.

Actively seek green suppliers and resources:

- Working with sustainable producers and manufacturers where possible.
- Hiring solar/eco-friendly lighting towers, reducing the use of diesel.
- Investigating alternatives to diesel-based generators and heaters.
- Purchasing and selling sustainable clothing.

Be active learners:

- Building on our relationships with the Peak Rangers and Moors for the Future to learn how we can become more aware of our local environment and how we can look after it.
- Training for the sustainability board members so we can continue to improve our practices and policies.
- Working with other organisations to seek advice and learn from, including but not limited to Greener Christian and Climate Stewards.
- Carrying out a carbon footprint audit with Greener Christian for Cliff Festival 2023 to gain more understanding on where we are and how we can improve.

CLIFF COLLEGE

Spread the word:

- Providing resources to participants to take back to their churches as a reminder.
- Providing teaching during Festival to help churches make the step into becoming more eco-friendly.
- Creating a sustainability pledge for our contributors, contractors and venue leads to aid them in their planning and delivery at the event.
- Creating sustainability guidance for participants and communicating our vision and the importance of Climate Justice through our programme.
- Ensuring all our attendees are informed of our waste management system.
- Including information on our website about how we are making Festival more sustainable, which is accessible to anyone.

Engage our faith:

- Actively working to imagine and model ways in which our faith can enable the planet's resources to be safeguarded and regenerated.
- Getting into the rhythm of prayer at Cliff College regarding climate justice, inviting people to join us in this and inviting God to be our compass in this journey.

What we will achieve by 2030:

- Reduce our emissions to net zero, a target set by the Methodist Conference.
- Have charging points for electric cars across the Cliff site.
- Obtain a four-star rating with A Greener Festival.
- Create a 'green' ticketing system that rewards those who choose to help us make Cliff Festival a more sustainable event.
- Create a culture of actively caring for God's world, where we continue to learn and set new goals in the ongoing task of stewarding creation.