

Looe Festival of Words 2024

Sustainability Policy

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At Looe Festival of Words, we acknowledge the current climate and ecological crisis and our responsibility to programme an event which is as sustainable as possible.

Our Festival is locally focused, celebrating creativity within Looe and the surrounding villages and working in partnership with local venues, organisations and groups. We believe that inclusive, participatory arts activities are one of the building blocks of a connected, engaged, community.

As a result of our local focus, travel will be minimised. Where required, we will encourage the use of public transport, lift shares, and staying over rather than commuting if necessary.

We will be mindful in all our purchasing decisions, and we will use local suppliers and contractors wherever possible. We will minimise the use of plastic (particularly single use) and encourage the use of recycled/second hand materials in workshops (sourced eg from Cornwall Scrapstore).

Environmental Awareness and Programming:

For the 2024 Festival, we have received Seed Bed funding from Literature Works to run environmentally themed poetry workshops in partnership with Looe Marine Conservation Group which will focus on Looe's important rocky shore and sea grass habitats. In addition, we have partnered with Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership on a series of creative literacy events which will promote the use of the Looe Valley branch line.

Future goals:

This is the first year of the Festival, and so our processes and policies are new. Members of the Steering Group are committed to embedding sustainability into future operations, recognising the need to be open to evaluation, learning and change as we move into planning for future Festivals.