



Climate Action Roundtable  
Visual minutes  
November 2022

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In July 2022, the Arts Council of Ireland held a Climate Action Roundtable at Smock Alley in Dublin. The roundtable was part of the consultation process undertaken by the Arts Council, supported by Julie's Bicycle EU, to inform the development of its Climate Action and Environmental Policy and Implementation Plan.

There were 44 roundtable participants in total, from the arts community, governmental bodies, the environmental sector, the Arts Council and Julie's Bicycle. The visual minutes capture the key points of the roundtable presentations and discussions.

The Arts Council aims to launch its Climate Action and Environmental Policy and Implementation Plan in early 2023.

# The Arts Council Climate Action Roundtable

## Welcome & Introductions

Alice Ryan & Deirdre Behan  
The Arts Council

We are thrilled that you are here today!

There is so much already happening! We are in **Listening Mode**

Walking Debate

Climate Action

Climate Action Policy has to catch up!

Discussion 1:

Arts Council **FUNDING** as a DRIVER for Climate Action



## Setting the Scene

Alison Tickell  
Julie's Bicycle

This is an overdue conversation

The role of **Culture** to change our world

Justice & Inclusion

Diverse Voices

CLIMATE CULTURE CRISIS

Put culture at the heart of the Climate Crisis Conversation

The Voice of Non-Humans

The SOLUTIONS are there

Must be Policy-led

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Moulding our grief and anger into **POWER!**

Influencing people's **Feelings** Responsibility of Artists to produce... Careful, thoughtful Imagery

FLARE Oceania

The ocean is burning!

FIELD EXCHANGE

Western Flag  
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## Consultation Process and Key Findings

Claire Buckley  
Julie's Bicycle

Online Sector Survey

Responses: 170 arts organisations, 158 artists, 41 independent arts workers

Engage with people & lead by example

People ARE **Genuinely Concerned** and want to do MORE

14 Arts Council Interviews

3 sections Internal Advisory Group

14 Interviews with Arts organisations and artists

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**PRIORITIES** for Arts Council Climate Action Policy

- Funding
- Capacity Building & Support
- Unlocking leadership & innovation
- Arts Council corporate actions

## Voices from the Sector

DATA

ARTS Venues

Looking at Carbon Footprint

REPORT

ACTION

Systems

Creating SPACE and HOLDING SPACE

Capacity Building

Building Resilience

Impact of our actions on the climate crisis

Taking inspiration from Ecological Systems

Capacity Building

Nothing about us without us

Beware Eco-Ableism...

Change will be grassroots

UP

Need Support

Chicken-Egg situation

## Capacity Building and Support

Discussion 2:

Improved Mechanisms for COLLABORATION

Unlocking Funding and opportunities

Action can't happen in isolation - look at local, national & international context

Inclusion

Bring people in from the Margins

Feedback

Information

Cyclical

Accelerating Learning

Festivals

Joining forces to address capacity building

TRAINING

Build Capacity from within the Sector

Other Sectors

Develop Toolkits

Skills needed

Bring in Skills

YOU ARE NOT STARTING FROM ZERO

Groundwork has been done

Ups and downs

Disruption

Networks

Exciting opportunities for Architects

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## Unlocking Leadership and Innovation

Discussion 3:

Leadership Training

Pick up 3 modules

What is leadership??

Inclusion

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In 2022 we were GREEN ARTS INITIATIVE

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Give Artists **SPACE** to lead the conversation

**RIGID POLICY**

physical Infrastructure  
Funding for Arts Venues to Adapt for Climate Change

SEAI € Government

decentralising ART



The **PERFECT** shouldn't be the **ENEMY** of the **GOOD**

Inclusive



# MAINSTREAMING

Vision  
Values



Influencing the Policy

FUNDING for **SLOW TRAVEL**



Additional Support needed  
Box-ticking exercise?   
Greenwashing??  
Add Climate Action to a long list of considerations

Best Practice  
Signposting  
**KNOWLEDGE SHARING**



DATA

1

Showcasing examples of best practice

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Looking at Transport... Inclusion

Discussion 2:  
**Capacity Building and Support**



Accelerating Learning



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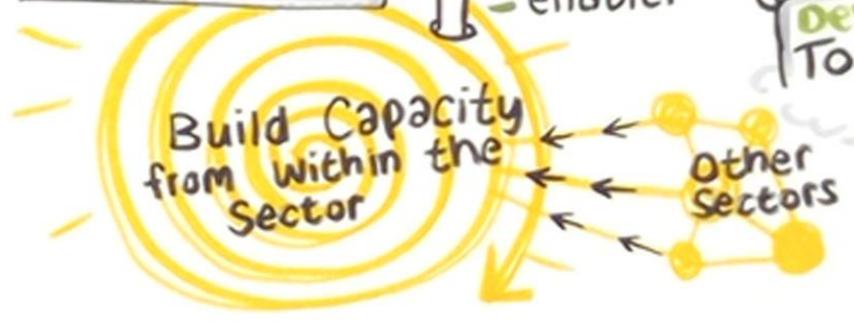


Bring people in from the Margins

Basic Income for Artists = enabler



we are CARBON NEUTRAL!  
Question it!



Discussion 3:

# Unlocking LEADERSHIP and Innovation



Leadership Training

CPD pick up a module

What is Leadership??

Download

Next Steps

expertise in the sector

CO-OP structure?

Inclusion

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## Taking practical tangible steps so we can enact CHANGE



Venue managers are already at Capacity

Capacity

SUPPORT

Needing Support

Chicken-Egg situation

Already taking action

change will be grassroots UP

We should have been doing this in

# 1992

SLOW ART





Climate Action Policy  
Consultation Summary  
November 2022

The English version of the full consultation summary results can be found [here](#)



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[achoimre ar an gcomhairliúchán](#)  
Samhain 2022

The Irish version of the full consultation summary results can be found [here](#)



Climate Action Survey  
Results  
November 2022

The results of the survey undertaken as part of the consultation can be found [here](#)

# Julie's Bicycle EU

## Julie's Bicycle

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[Julie's Bicycle](#) is a pioneering not-for-profit, mobilising the arts and culture to take action on the climate and ecological crisis.

Founded by the music industry in 2007 and now working across the arts and culture, JB has partnered with over 2000 organisations in the UK and internationally. Combining cultural and environmental expertise, Julie's Bicycle focuses on high-impact programmes and policy change to meet the climate and ecological crisis head-on.

JB supports the arts and culture to:

- become net zero carbon and restore nature
- inspire public action on climate and ecology
- champion environmental justice and fairness



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Established in 2017 as a response to the lack of sustainable solutions available to the events and cultural sector in Ireland, [Native Events](#) now works with an expanding community of partners including festivals and events, councils and corporate clients, ensuring a systems-wide transition towards a more sustainable and circular future.

Native Events believes that cultural events and activities can be a catalyst for societal change. With more than fifteen years' experience in event production, environmental management and consultancy, we are uniquely positioned to help the events, cultural, arts and corporate sectors transition towards real sustainability.



The [Green Arts Initiative in Ireland](#) is an extension of the Green Arts Initiative operated by Creative Carbon Scotland and aims to provide Irish arts organisations with the resources and support to help build a green Irish arts community.

Run by Theatre Forum and Catriona Fallon, under the guidance of Creative Carbon Scotland, the Green Arts Initiative in Ireland aims to:

- support arts organisations with practical advice on reducing their carbon footprint and overall environmental impacts
- provide arts organisations with opportunities to enhance their sustainability competencies through training and networking
- collect information about what organisations are currently doing to improve their sustainability