

Environmental Statement Galerie Kornfeld

Introduction

At Galerie Kornfeld, we acknowledge the urgent need to address the climate emergency and related environmental crises. We recognize that the arts sector has an important role to play in reducing its own environmental impact and using its cultural influence to encourage wider change.

Why this is specifically important for our organization

As a gallery, our mission is to showcase and promote contemporary art and artists. We recognize that our activities, such as international shipping and energy use, have a significant impact on the environment. We are committed to reducing our impact and promoting sustainable practices in the arts.

What pledges we are making and what action we are taking:

- We will reduce our carbon footprint by 50% by 2030, in line with the GCC commitment.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our operations by at least 50% by 2030
- Become a zero-waste organization by 2030
- Increase the proportion of renewable energy used in our operations to at least 50% by 2025
- Use low-carbon transportation options, such as electric vehicles or train travel, for domestic travel by 2023
- Use sustainable packaging materials for shipments by 2023
- Increase the use of reclaimed and recycled materials in our exhibitions and displays by at least 50% by 2025
- Purchase carbon offsets for any unavoidable emissions

The actions we are taking to meet targets include:

- We will prioritize sustainable and low-impact practices in all aspects of our operations, including shipping, transport, lighting, temperature control, packaging, and printing.
- We will invest in low-carbon and renewable energy options for our building, including insulation, draught-proofing, and solar panels.
- We will switch to 100% LED lighting in our gallery space and offices.
- We will encourage sustainable transportation for our staff and visitors, including promoting cycling and public transportation.
- We will prioritize the use of sustainable and recycled materials in our exhibitions and displays.
- We will monitor and measure our progress towards our goals and regularly report to our stakeholders and members.

- Conducting an energy efficiency audit of our gallery and office spaces to identify areas for improvement
- Retrofitting our building with insulation and draught-proofing to reduce energy waste by 2025
- Switching to a green energy supplier by 2025
- Encouraging staff to use public transportation or bike to work through incentives
- Encouraging artists to use sustainable materials in their artwork and displays, and providing information and resources to help them do so
- Reducing the use of paper in our operations and encouraging digital communication and storage
- Implementing a sustainable procurement policy that prioritizes suppliers with lower environmental impact
- Encouraging staff to reduce their personal carbon footprint through education and incentives

In addition to these actions, we recognize the importance of working collaboratively with other galleries, artists, suppliers, and stakeholders in the arts sector to promote sustainable practices and reduce our collective impact on the environment. We will actively seek out and support sustainable suppliers and partners and share best practices and knowledge with our peers in the industry.

Conclusion

Galerie Kornfeld is committed to reducing our environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices in the arts. We recognize the urgent need to address the climate emergency and other environmental crises, and we will work tirelessly to meet our commitments and contribute to a more sustainable future for our planet.

We recognize that there is more work to be done, and we are committed to constantly reviewing and improving our practices to become a more environmentally responsible organization.