

Environmental Responsibility Statement

The world is facing a series of linked environmental crises. In October 2022, the UN warned that the world's governments are not yet on track to keep global heating below 1.5 degrees, and the window for action is rapidly closing. We are already seeing the impacts of existing warming with devastating droughts, storms and floods across the world. Related crises include collapsing biodiversity, dangerous levels of air pollution, and plastic contamination in our rivers and oceans. Without urgent action from across society, these problems will rapidly escalate. The art world has an important role to play. Arts organisations – particularly in the Global North – have a disproportionately large impact on the environment, mainly due to a great deal of international travel, arts shipping, and high use of energy and materials. We need to act urgently to reduce these impacts in line with what the science is telling us. As arts organisations, we also have an opportunity to use our public platform and cultural influence to set a positive example, encouraging and supporting others to take action and helping shift the public debate. At Galerie Nordenhake, our values and missions are to promote contemporary art and inspire audiences. To fulfil this mission, we need to take urgent environmental action, because art and culture across the world is directly threatened by the climate crisis, and those from marginalised communities and cultures are most at risk. As an organisation, we know that our main direct environmental impacts include flights to art fairs, air freight of artworks for exhibitions, and energy use in our buildings.

We have committed to tackling these impacts by:

- Joining the Gallery Climate Coalition.
- Regularly calculating the carbon footprint of our operations, to track progress towards this target.
- Setting specific targets for the major parts of our footprint, including:
 - Reducing staff flights.
 - Reduce air freight when other means of transport are possible.
 - Reducing our building energy use.
 - Ensuring all of our packing materials are reusable or curbside recyclable.
 - Using low or zero emissions vehicles for the majority of our local deliveries.

The actions we are taking to meet these targets include:

- Speaking to our shippers about alternative ways of shipping.
- Reviewing our staff travel policies and practices, and planning our attendance at international events to reduce the need for air travel.
- Speaking to our suppliers and service providers about their carbon footprint, and looking for opportunities to encourage them to take action, or to switch to alternative suppliers who will.
- Maintaining a Green Team with representatives from different parts of the organisation, that meets to track progress on all of these targets and actions.