

## Environmental Responsibility Statement

Our global climate crisis requires urgent attention and the importance of reducing global CO2 emissions cannot be underestimated. In October 2022, the UN warned that the world's governments are not yet on track to keep global heating below 1.5 degrees Celsius. We are already seeing the impacts of this shortcoming with devastating droughts, storms, and floods becoming an increasingly common global phenomenon.

The art world has an important role to play as it relies on activities that have significant environmental consequences. We have a collective obligation to minimise these impacts. We recognise that we have work to do to increase sustainability within our own organisation and are committed to becoming the most environmentally responsible version of ourselves.

We at CHART are committed to reducing energy consumption and are therefore embarking on a full CO2 audit across all our activities. With the art world being globally interconnected, 70% of total emissions stem from air travel, highlighting an urgent area for action.

With our focus on the Nordic region we distinguish ourselves from other art fairs by limiting the geographical area from which invited galleries must travel to attend. This reduces the overall air traffic when transporting artworks, gallery staff, and other immediate stakeholders to the fair. Additionally, by using the pre-existing architecture of an established art institution to host CHART's activities, we reduce the need for building materials required to erect a temporary art fair venue.

This being said, we acknowledge there is always space for improvement. We know our main direct environmental impacts include our printing output, staff travel, and overall energy use in our buildings. We have committed to minimise these impacts with the following actions:

- Joining the Gallery Climate Coalition and pledging to at least halve our carbon emissions by 2030.
- Establishing a Green Representative connecting different parts of the organisation to regularly develop new strategies, goals, and track progress against pre-set targets.
- Establishing online curator meetings annually in spring, to foster networking opportunities across the international art sector in settings that do not require physical meetings.
- Annually calculating the carbon footprint of our operations, to track progress.
- Limiting staff travel and travelling via land when possible.
- Aiming to ensure that all our printed materials are reusable or curbside recyclable as far as possible, as a step towards zero-waste operations by 2030.
- Assuring that each of the temporary architectural structures, constructed as part of our annual CHART Architecture competition, receive an afterlife, and are built from reusable materials, to minimise material waste.
- Prioritising sustainable partnerships and fundraising. Being a non-profit organisation, we rely heavily on the support provided by partners and foundations and therefore prioritise partnering with businesses that are adopting environmentally responsible practices.
- Serving only food and drinks by local partners.

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- Encouraging our visitors to make use of public transportation while visiting Copenhagen during CHART.
- Promoting transportation by land for attendees and facilitating shared artwork transit for participating galleries travelling from the same regions.
- Providing educational opportunities for exhibitors through workshops with our sustainability collaborator GCC to extend knowledge on sustainability issues and empower them to make eco-conscious choices both during the fair and in their daily operations.

Besides making sure our supply chain is minimising waste as much as possible, we too aspire to use our platform to educate and share knowledge of ways to create an environmentally more responsible art world. Each year we will dedicate at least one talk in our talks program to the theme of sustainability to engage debate surrounding best practices, and the future of the art world.

We will continue to iterate our environmental commitments and update this statement as we gain greater understanding of our impact and the further actions that we need to take to reach our targets.

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