



Statement on AEC and environmental sustainability

As a community of students, teachers, staff and leaders, AEC could have a bigger impact on environmental sustainability than each individual alone. By deciding to take action in relation to environmental sustainability and climate change as part of its Action Plan 2020, the AEC Council makes a strategic commitment to work on this theme and to promote environmental sustainability as a vital issue for the arts.

AEC would like to encourage its members to develop together a Sustainable Higher Music Education, and has defined three key areas in which it will work:

1/ Operating in a sustainable way

- Developing and implementing policies and procedures for running the AEC Office in a sustainable way. This includes promoting and enhancing sustainable suppliers and investing in technological improvements
- Developing and implementing travel policies and procedures that contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of staff, Council and working group members
- Promoting and enhancing sustainable suppliers and investing in technological improvements
- Exploring eco-friendly events in cooperation with the institutions hosting AEC events

2/ Raising awareness among AEC members and sharing practices

- Developing a platform for sharing practices and guidelines on the AEC website, for example through the publication of interviews, testimonies and environmental policies of member institutions
- Promoting the creation of environmental actions carried out by its members

3/ Promoting and investigating the connections between arts and environment

- Promoting discussions, within and outside AEC membership, about the relation between arts and environment
- Exploring and discussing the concept of 'Sustainable Art'
- Developing educational concepts in which music contributes to raising ecological and environmental awareness

The AEC Office is currently developing a 5-year plan with concrete actions and measures in all three areas. The plan shall include the establishment of an AEC Goes Green Working Group in charge of leading actions in this field.

All AEC members are warmly invited to contribute to this initiative by commenting on AEC's planned work and sharing their experiences and practices.