OVERVIEW OF THE RESEARCH

The Last Hurrah (and the Long Haul) is a collaboration between staff and students of Geography and Acting at Bath Spa University which explores the experience of a community whose world is transformed by climate change. The first performances were in October 2018, and we are now developing the play for touring from Winter 2019.

We are also planning written research outputs. One of these is a case study that explores the creation of the play as an exercise in climate change education. This sustainability statement relates to this research. It will be participatory research: staff and students from both subjects involved will be co-authors of the paper. The primary aim is to explore how participation in the process of devising and performing this work of theatre impacted the actors’ views about climate change. The specific objective is to use semi-structured interviews and participants’ own writing to discover the actors’ views on climate change and the effect of creating the play on shaping those views.

This project aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (http://www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org): Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 4 (Quality Education).

RATIONALE FOR THIS STATEMENT

We recognise that research projects have environmental impacts. It is our aim to minimise our negative impact and to have a positive impact where we can. Codifying this intention in a written statement provides a focal point for our sustainability efforts.

**CARBON AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

Energy consumption is a major contributor to climate change. How a research project is managed in terms of logistical considerations has the potential to contribute to wider targets for energy use and carbon emissions, at the University, national and international level.

*AIM*

**To minimise energy use and carbon emissions throughout the lifetime of the research project**

**Objective 1:** Minimise carbon emissions through transport.

**Action:** Research data collection will take place on University properties. Where possible, researcher-participants will be encouraged to walk or use public transport to reach research sites. This will be audited through the use of a form on which researcher-participants will be asked to record the postcode of the origin of their journey to the research site (first half of the postcode only), and the mode of transport used.

**Objective 2:** Maximise energy efficiency

**Action:** Research data collection will take place on University properties. These properties fall within Bath Spa University's Carbon Reduction Policy\(^1\).

**SUSTAINABLE AND ETHICAL PROCUREMENT**

Resource use is a key sustainability issue. The goods we purchase should provide whole-life value for money.

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Consider the economic, social and environmental impacts and whole-life costs of purchasing decisions and take appropriate action.

**Objective:** To maximise the environmental and social sustainability of project purchases.

\(^1\) [https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/about-us/governance/policies/carbon-reduction-policy/](https://www.bathspa.ac.uk/about-us/governance/policies/carbon-reduction-policy/)
**Action:** It is envisaged that purchases for this research project will be minimal. Where purchases are made, products conforming to accreditation under recognised schemes (eg FairTrade) from suppliers who provide sustainability and/or corporate social responsibility statements will be preferred.

**WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

How we manage physical resources has important environmental, social and economic implications. The project aims to reject a 'take-make-dispose' approach to physical resources.

**AIM**

Embed the principles of the waste hierarchy to refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle our waste.

**Objective:** Eliminate single-use physical resources from the project.

**Action:** Avoid purchases of materials that cannot be re-used or recycled.