

Ecsite Environmental Emergency Action – Idea Box

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	PROGRAMMES	PARTNERSHIPS	PEOPLE	PUBLICS	PLACES
1 Embed climate and biodiversity action into our strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of events addressing climate crisis • Make climate a key point on the development agenda • Sustainable use of digital programmes and collections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose only to work with partners that meet your ethical requirements • Seek new positive sustainable partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint a champion/ green team to lead change • Make a team Climate Emergency Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop digital programmes to extend learning beyond our 4 walls • Make intellectual resources available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an energy audit • Design biodiversity spaces – bee & wild gardens
2 Be a conscious leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-use temporary exhibitions/ materials • Re-use devices • Use sustainable materials in construction • Share best practice • Share exhibitions • Find a long-term home for exhibitions in the community or other country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define position on working with fossil fuel & energy companies • Action plan to handle & re-use waste with partners • Develop sustainable procurement plan and hold supply chain accountable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce travel • Develop a climate friendly travel policy • Provide training and access to information to support sustainable decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate about water use in bathrooms • Use waste points to highlight recycling • Explain sustainable choices we have taken & how audiences can use that knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce room temperatures • Install LED lights • Reduce water, paper & energy consumption • Apply best sustainable practice to all new developments • Employ ethical approach to supply chains in cafes & shops
3 Take an empowering approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect different environmental issues when communicating with audiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ethical assessment tools to help employees make good partnering choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage remote working • Develop a climate awareness programme • Incentivise commuting by public transport/ pollution free transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivise sustainable travel through ticket prices • Help build communities around climate action • Offer tangible solutions to everyday problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer vegetarian & local food • Remove single use plastics throughout
4 Communicate, communicate, communicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase your improvements on site • Collaborate & share best practice of production for exhibitions & events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate & share our actions to fight the climate emergency • Actively communicate procurement plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support & encourage our people to publicly talk about their actions, internally & externally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be transparent and honest – communicate your pledge to publics • Showcase your improvements through press releases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight sustainable food options