



Sustainability Policy

POLICY STATUS

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VISION

Nightcliff Arts, Music & Culture Inc. (NAMCI) strive to create a festival which incorporates a holistic approach and conscious choices to minimise our impacts and enable the fostering of sustainable communities.

A sustainable event is one that aims to be economically viable, socially just and environmentally sound. To this end, the impact of all aspects of the event, including its location, food services, energy consumption, transportation and waste generation must be considered. The goal is to reduce environmental impact, add value to the local economy, engage the university and wider community and educate those involved.

OVERVIEW

Nightcliff Arts, Music & Culture Inc. (NAMCI) need to continue to incorporate the principles of ecological sustainability and social justice into management systems, activities and decision-making processes. Sustainability is a fundamental principle to influence decisions to maintain and enhance quality of life now and in the future in a way that maintains the ecological processes on which life depends. It requires an integrated consideration of social, ecological, cultural, spiritual and economic dimensions.

PRINCIPLES / OBJECTIVES

The NAMCI Sustainability Policy is based upon six principles, outlined below:

Interdependence – that the social, ecological, cultural and economic implications of a decision are all considered of equal importance when determining a balanced outcome.

Integrated and long-term decision-making – all decisions should reflect and consider the long term implications on our community, environment and economy as well as achieving short term goals.

Equity and human rights – We should meet the needs of all people fairly & enable intra-generational equity; special attention shall be paid youth, women & disadvantaged peoples. (Value 2, 3, 6) provision of opportunities for all in our community as well as supporting equal rights and fair opportunities across the globe.

Conscious Consumption (waste) - Many natural resources are limited in relation to human use & many ecosystems are limited in relation in their ability to absorb waste, so we should lower total consumption.

Respect for the land - Colonised countries should honor Indigenous people's special rights, responsibilities & relation to country.

Common good – the use and planning for resources that support our life (ie. air, water, natural resources) in a manner that is accessible to all and will not deplete them over time.

SCOPE

This policy will apply to all events hosted by NAMCI. This is assumed to include events we host and pay for, including sponsorships. All Committee decision-making, operational staff, processes and program delivery staff, volunteers, contractors, artists and other stakeholders are expected to uphold the principles and objectives of this policy to the fullest extent possible within prevailing budgets. To ensure we assist all stakeholders are able to overcome challenges presented and work towards the common goal of increased sustainability, all stakeholders are asked to inform management of financial and other barriers encountered to achieving goals.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act Environmental Assessment Act

Waste Management and Pollution Control Act

2018 National Waste Policy: Less waste, more resources

Product Stewardship Act 2011

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

REPORTING

NAMCI will report on our progress against these goals, with continual improvement built into performance reviews and future targets.