

Z-arts Environment Manifesto



At Z-arts, we know how much children care about looking after our planet, and we care too! That's why we're committed to doing our part to protect the environment.

We're proud to lead by example and show how fun and creative caring for the Earth can be. By sharing our journey and working together with children, young people, and families, we aim to make Z-arts a shining example of sustainability in the arts and cultural world.

What we do

Getting Around

- Lots of our team walk or cycle to Z-arts
- We recommend greener ways to get here for our visitors

Tasty Food Choices

- More yummy veggie and vegan options in the café
- Most days were Meat-Free Days in Spring 2025
- We freeze food to stop waste and cut down deliveries
- Less food going in the bin!

Healthy & Happy

- Our library is a quiet chill-out space
- Staff do yoga and go on well-being walks
- Bright Sparks enjoy fun dance and yoga classes

Helping Things Grow

- We work with schools on growing projects
- Our Bright Sparks programme helps ideas grow strong and bright

Loving Nature

- We run fun outdoor activities
- And we love being right next to a lovely Hulme Park

Saving Energy

- We've got solar panels on the roof!
- Our theatre lights are now energy-friendly LEDs

Recycling Heroes

- Our exhibition materials get reused and reimagined
- We use recycled materials in art activities and theatre sets too

Caring for the Climate

- We've virtually removed single-use plastics in the café
- We're printing less and sharing more online
- We've replaced many cleaning chemicals with environmentally safe products
- Creative projects like Environment Week and building a robot help us learn and have fun

Family Programming

- We regularly put on family shows which have an environmental theme



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Coming up next

More Tasty Food Ideas

- Healthy soups are coming soon
- A fun “Shared Menu” is on the way

Feeling Good

- More staff wellbeing walks
- We’re planning a brand-new outdoor play space

Growing Plans

- Our “Yarden” (yard + garden) project will help nature bloom

More Nature, please!

- More plants in the building
- An awesome alternative Christmas tree project

Saving More Energy

- Shutting down computers when we leave
- Adjusting our heating to be more energy efficient
- Fundraising to get LED lights for our Studio Theatre

Recycle and Reuse

- Adding compost bins - most of our café waste will get recycled
- Using fewer throwaway materials in tech department

Even Greener Goals

- Bye-bye to single-use plastics and unnecessary packaging
- Using Toucan Eco to clean without chemicals
- Reusing old colouring sheets as scrap paper
- Cutting down printing even more

Fun + Learning

- Carbon Literacy training for kids – learning how to protect our planet
- More exciting Environmental Weeks
- Work experience weeks with eco themes

