**Leeds Children's Theatre Green Policy**

We are trying hard to raise awareness within Leeds Children's Theatre of the impact our activities have on the environment. We are open to ideas and approaches that can be safely implemented. Whilst we have long realised the financial advantages of storing, reusing and adapting scenery, props and costumes we recognise that we must continue to be mindful of the environmental impact when sourcing materials and resources for our activities.

**Greening our Workshops**Tuck Shop: We will cease using plastic cups for refreshments, and encourage members to bring their own drinks in reusable cups and containers. We will cease to provide individual plastic bottles and cans of drinks, replacing them with diluted cordial if required. We will cease to stock pre-packaged individual items, and replace with a ‘pick & mix’ selection using paper bags.

**Greening our Productions**  
We know that the enthusiasm to work to a higher sustainable standard is there, and we aim to encourage members involved in creating and sourcing our scenery, props and costumes to continue their good works in reusing materials whenever possible.

Leeds Children's Theatre will continue to store set, props and costume whenever we can, so that we can reuse and repurpose as we go. We also hire, lend and give away to other groups to reduce the need to buy new. While we often repurpose some items of scenery and props from the stock items that available to all members of Leeds Community Arts Network, when it is necessary to create new items we do aim to build flexible, versatile sets that can be used again in different ways. These would, whenever possible, be stored for reuse or adaptation for future productions.

We have, in practice, a hierarchy for building and sourcing set and props. First of all we look at what we have available as “stock items”, and if we don’t have access to the items we need, we then look to borrow or hire them. If this isn’t possible then we look to buy materials locally, and if we can’t find any other solution then we source online.

Although some products aren’t used on a regular basis, we will endeavour to source environmentally sound alternatives whenever possible. Examples might include biodegradable glitter, snow and confetti. Members will be encouraged to share knowledge they have about environmentally friendly alternatives at all stages of production to minimise the use of “single-use” items.

**Greening our backstage catering/bunfight**We will cease using plastic cups for refreshments, and encourage members to bring their own reusable cups and containers from home. Any plastic cups and beakers we do use will be designed to be reusable. We will be mindful of how we do dispose of any single-use plastics (eg milk cartons, cordial bottles).

**Greening our Publicity and Promotions**Although much of our publicity and promotional material is now made available electronically, we do recognise the need to produce printed flyers and posters for public display. In order to reduce waste we are mindful of the quantities ordered, and any excess copies will be sent for recycling as paper waste. Our PVC banners will be stored for future display, and kept by Leeds Children's Theatre as part of our archives rather than being disposed of as waste. Our theatre programmes, which are made available to our audiences free of charge, will be made available electronically to reduce the number of printed copies that need to be produced.

**The Theatre Green Book**The [Theatre Green Book](https://theatregreenbook.com/" \t "_blank) is being developed by the industry and we look forward to adopting new principles so that all of our productions are planned and carried out in the most sustainable way as possible.