



Reconnect and Create Ltd *Environmental and Sustainability Policy*

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At Reconnect and Create, caring for the natural world is at the heart of everything we do. Our work is inspired by nature, and we recognise our responsibility to protect, respect, and nurture the environments in which we create, gather, and grow.

This policy outlines our commitment to environmentally responsible and sustainable practice across all our activities.

1. Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Minimising our environmental impact
- Promoting sustainable creativity
- Encouraging mindful consumption
- Reducing waste
- Supporting ethical suppliers
- Inspiring environmental awareness through our work

We believe that small, thoughtful actions can create meaningful change.

2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We actively promote the principles of **reduce, reuse, and recycle** in both our operations and creative practice.

This includes:

- Reusing materials wherever possible
- Repurposing everyday items into creative resources
- Recycling waste responsibly
- Avoiding unnecessary packaging
- Encouraging participants to think creatively about waste

Many of our workshops incorporate recycled and reclaimed materials, including:

- Glass jars
- Plastic bottles
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard and packaging materials

These materials are transformed into meaningful, beautiful creations.

3. Sustainable Materials and Suppliers

Wherever possible, we choose environmentally responsible products and suppliers.

This includes:

- Using eco-friendly and biodegradable materials
- Selecting ethical and sustainable brands
- Using eco glitter, eco resin, and low-impact craft supplies
- Reducing the use of single-use plastics
- Prioritising quality, long-lasting equipment

We continually review new sustainable options as they become available.

4. Waste Management

We manage waste responsibly by:

- Separating recyclable and non-recyclable waste
- Using compostable materials where appropriate
- Encouraging guests to recycle during events
- Minimising disposable items
- Working with venues that support recycling

Leftover materials are reused in future sessions wherever possible.

5. Energy and Resource Use

We aim to reduce energy and resource consumption by:

- Using natural light where possible
 - Switching off equipment when not in use
 - Limiting unnecessary heating and lighting
 - Using refillable containers
 - Reducing paper use through digital communication
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6. Nature Respect and Outdoor Practice

For outdoor and nature-based activities, we follow a “leave no trace” approach.

We aim to:

- Protect habitats and wildlife
- Stay on designated paths
- Avoid disturbing plants and animals
- Remove all waste
- Respect local environments

We encourage participants to develop deeper appreciation and care for natural spaces.

7. Sustainable Food Practices

Where food is provided, we aim to:

- Use seasonal and locally sourced ingredients where possible
- Minimise food waste
- Use reusable or compostable serving materials
- Avoid excessive packaging

Leftovers are managed safely and responsibly.

8. Education and Inspiration

We believe sustainability is strengthened through shared learning.

We aim to:

- Embed environmental awareness into workshops
- Share sustainable crafting ideas
- Encourage mindful living beyond our events
- Inspire creative reuse at home

Our events are designed to empower participants to make environmentally conscious choices in everyday life.

9. Working with Partners and Venues

We seek to work with venues and partners who share our environmental values.

Where possible, we prioritise spaces that:

- Support recycling
 - Use sustainable energy
 - Protect green spaces
 - Promote environmental responsibility
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10. Continuous Improvement

We recognise that sustainability is an ongoing journey.

We commit to:

- Reviewing our practices regularly
 - Exploring new eco-friendly materials
 - Listening to feedback
 - Adapting as knowledge and resources evolve
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11. Feedback and Engagement

We welcome suggestions from guests and partners on how we can improve our environmental practices.

If you have ideas or feedback, we would love to hear from you.

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