



Theatres Trust launch Conference 21: Making Theatre Sustainable

Theatres Trust, the national advisory public body for UK theatres, announces details of its 2021 conference Making Theatre Sustainable, to be held on Thursday 4th November at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith in London. Making Theatre Sustainable explores how we can make every aspect of the theatre sector more sustainable, from productions to buildings and how we run them.

The completed Theatre Green Book will be launched at the conference, giving attendees a unique opportunity to hear from the team of sustainability and theatre specialists behind it, and from theatres who are already applying it in practice in their productions and buildings.

Speakers from the Arcola, Broadway Green Alliance, Buro Happold Engineering, Haworth Tompkins, Manchester International Festival, Mercury Theatre, National Theatre, Oxford Playhouse and Romiley Little Theatre are already confirmed, with more to be announced over the coming weeks.

Sessions include affordable ways to make green improvements to your theatre, a debate on whether we should build less and reuse more, new research on the potential for carbon reduction in theatres and what it would cost, the challenges and opportunities of greening our historic theatres and the wider advocacy role of theatre and green theatre networks working together to support greater sustainability.

Jon Morgan, Theatres Trust Director, says, *As we emerge from the pandemic, the theatre sector can and must play its part in protecting our planet. Theatres Trust is looking forward to welcoming colleagues to a day of thought-provoking presentations and lively discussions on how we can collectively and tangibly work towards a greener future.*

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Theatres Trust

Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. They believe that current and future generations should have access to good quality theatre buildings where they can be inspired by, and enjoy, live performance. They champion the future of live performance by protecting and supporting excellent theatre buildings which meet the needs of their communities. They do this by providing advice on the design, planning, development and sustainability of theatres, campaigning on behalf of theatres old and new and offering financial assistance through grants.

In 2020, Theatres Trust signed up to the Culture Declares Emergency campaign and committed to five Environmental Principles to reshape its work and help influence and improve the sector's sustainability. Theatre Green Book project is one outcome of this.

Theatre Green Book

Theatre Green Book initiative pulls together existing guidance and creates a shared standard for environmentally responsible theatre across three volumes:

- Sustainable Productions
- Sustainable Buildings
- Sustainable Operations

The project spearheaded by ABTT, Buro Happold and Theatres Trust and co-coordinated by theatre architect and Theatres Trust Vice Chair Paddy Dillon, builds upon the work of Julie's Bicycle, Creative Carbon Scotland, SiPA, Ecostage and others. <https://theatregreenbook.com/>

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