



Art on the Move: Travel, Touring and Offsetting

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Intro: What are the impacts of travel and touring?



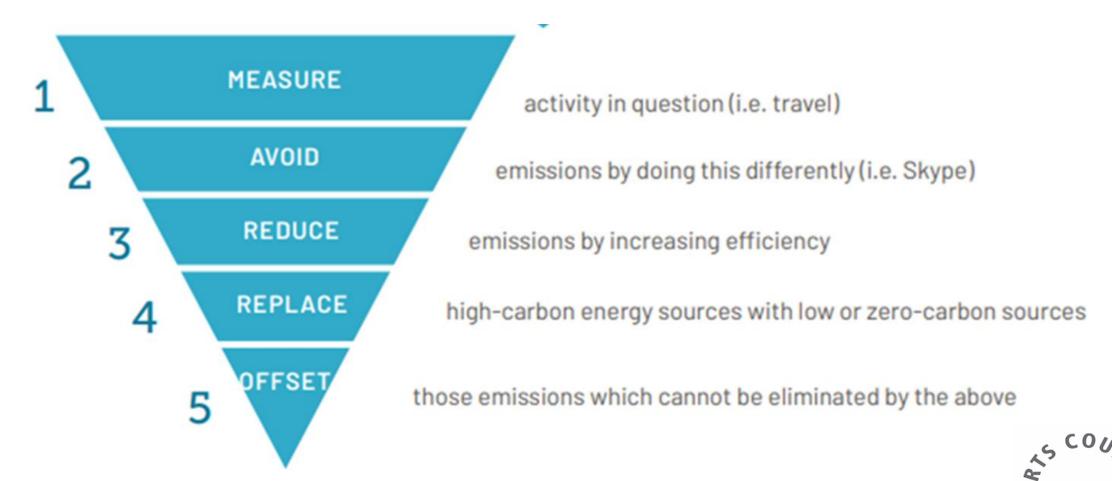
- Can form a significant part of a cultural organisation's overall footprint
- Audience travel can form a significant impact for some performances and events
- Emissions from air travel are particularly damaging for a number of reasons.







Five steps for reducing impacts of travel and touring

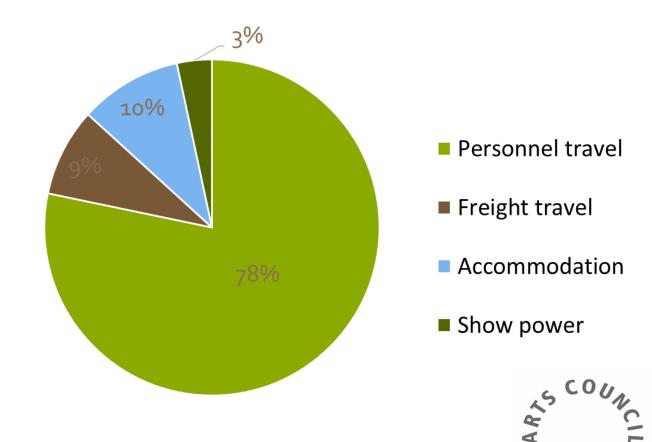




1. Understand your travel and touring footprint

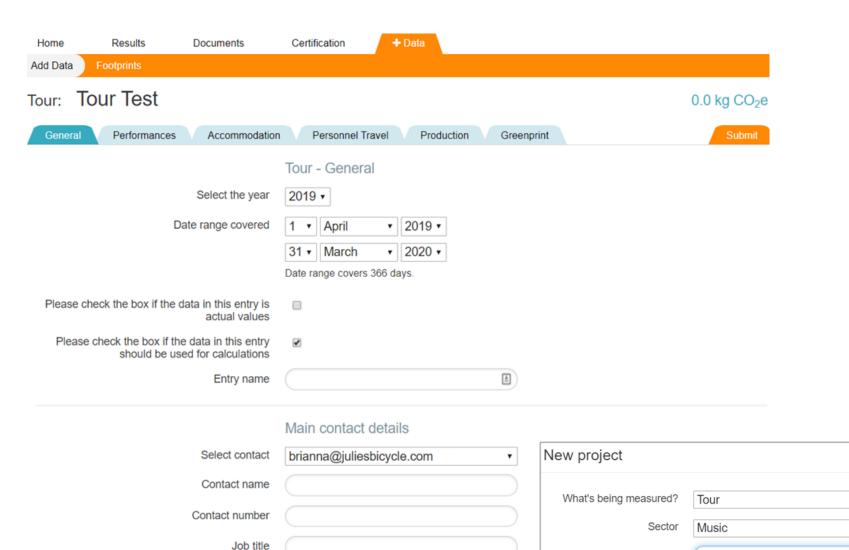
- Collect quality data
- Understand high impact areas
- Look for opportunities to improve

Area	Carbon Footprint (kg CO2e)
Personnel travel	15,436,149
Freight travel	1,310,099
Accommodation	1,526,046
Show power	519,651
Total footprint	15,436,149





a) Methods for measurement: CG tools for touring



More information about the tour

Six fields for data entry:

- General
- Performances
- Accommodation
- Personnel travel
- Production
- Greenprint

Demo Music Tour

Cancel

Create new project

Project name



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Method 2) CG touring assessment





ASSESSMENT AREAS

COMMITMENT (PRE-TOUR)

- Environmental policy, green rider and action plan
- Integration of environmental sustainability in broader tour mission, strategy or design

UNDERSTANDING (PRE-TOUR)

- Breadth and depth of understanding of environmental impacts
- Tour planning and efficiency
- Attitudinal insights

- Environmental responsibilities
- Environmental procurement and sourcing
- Stakeholder communications and engagement

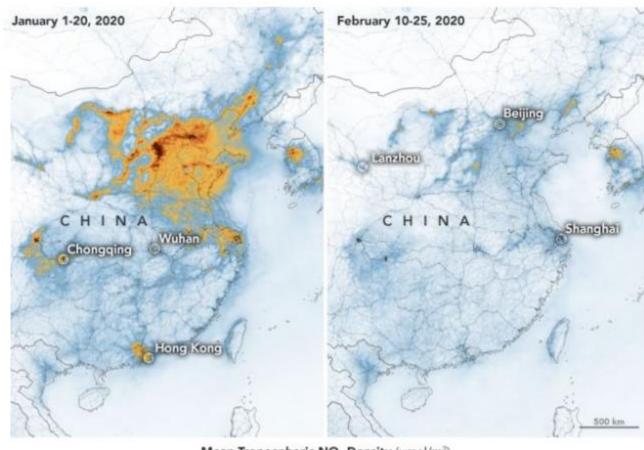
IMPROVEMENT (POST-TOUR)

- Post-tour carbon footprint
- Quantifiable reductions in direct environmental impacts
- Actions to address indirect environmental impacts
- Project evaluation



• Find ways of doing things differently!





| Mean Tropospheric NO₂ Density (μmol/m²) | 0 125 250 375 ≥500

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Case Study: The Science Museum Blueprint Exhibition packs

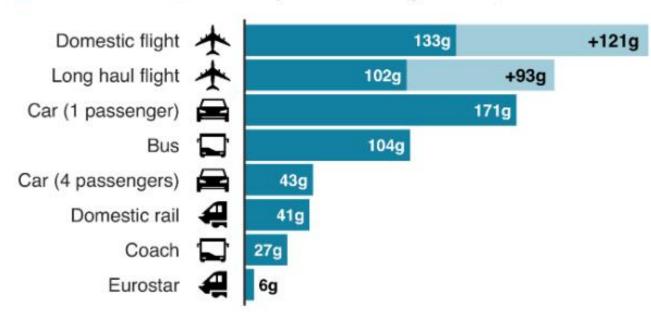
- Exhibition content shared electronically
- Blueprint packs avoid high transportation and insurance costs
- Allows receiving museums to build and design exhibition in line with their own budgets
- Provides opportunity to work with local stakeholders to reproduce the exhibition and take it in new directions.

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Emissions from different modes of transport

Emissions per passenger per km travelled

CO2 emissions Secondary effects from high altitude, non-CO2 emissions







Note: Car refers to average diesel car

Source: BEIS/Defra Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factors 2019







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Green Riders

Areas to consider:

- Audience travel
- Catering
- Energy
- Waste
- Production







TOP TIPS!



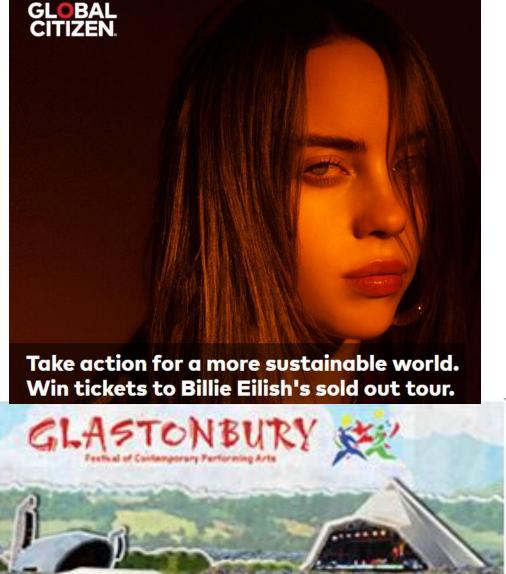
- Find the right person to engage
- Send info on environmental issues
- Work with venues to achieve environmental ambitions
- Share and celebrate successes!



Use your Voice: Engage your audience!

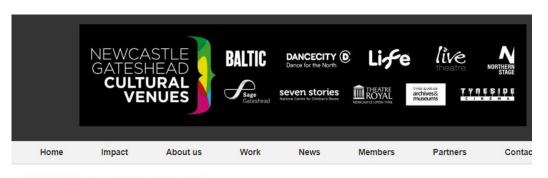






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emissions by increasing efficiency



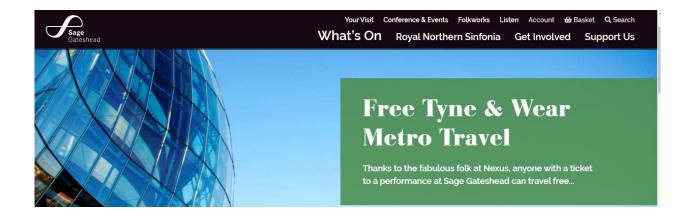
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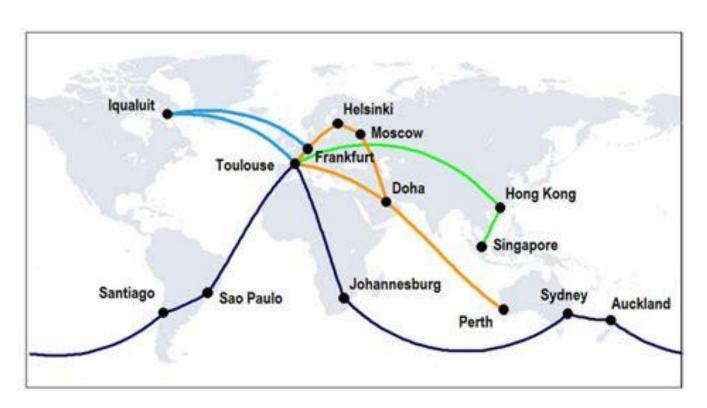


- Surveys to understand audience barriers to using public transport
- Consider adjusting show times to fit with local public transport timetables
- Partner with service providers to offer incentives





Tour routing and logistics







REPLACE

high-carbon energy sources with low or zero-carbon sources









Jack Johnson-Sustainable Biodiesel

• 6000 gallons of local, sustainable biodiesel was used to fuel tour buses, trucks and onsite generators.

• Used Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance guidelines.











Offsetting





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What is offsetting?



• Offsetting is a way of 'balancing' emissions or addressing your production of emissions by investing in a project or initiative that reduces emissions elsewhere.











"Carbon offsets are an intangible good, and as such their value and integrity depend entirely on how they are defined, represented, and guaranteed. What the market lacks are common standards for how such representations and guarantees are made and enforced "(Broekhoff, 2007)





Considerations and pitfalls

- **Proving additionality-** an additional benefit that wouldn't have occurred without money from the carbon offset fund e.g. would the project have happened anyway?
- **Permanence** ensuring your investment remains in place long enough to make an impact e.g. trees don't get chopped down after 2 years
- **Leakage** e.g. protecting land in one area only leads to deforestation or destruction in another
- Transparency: How are emissions calculated? Do they reflect actual levels of CO2



Different approaches to carbon offsetting



Option 1
Choose a
project or
charity to
donate to OR

Step 1 Calculate your emissions



Step 2
Assign a
price per ton
of CO2e

Option 2
Choose an
offset provider
OR

Option 3
Ring fence
funds for your
own
sustainability
projects

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Ways to approach offsetting: Carbon Credits



- Use an existing offsetting platform to offset your impacts using verified carbon reduction credits
- Things to consider:
- Different platforms will use different methodologies for calculating both carbon and the number of credits to invest in off-setting.
- Look for projects which are independently verified and use an accreditation such as 'Gold Standard'
- Spend time researching where your offset investments go and whether this is a cause you want to support







Consideration: Offsetting providers...



















2) Do-it-yourself offsets

- Calculate your own emissions by using an online calculator
- Decide on a price per ton of carbon- there is no exact science to this
- Donate to an environmental project or charity of your choice that works to conserve biodiversity or reduce emissions







Consideration: Carbon pricing...

Reference Table: Cost of C02/tonne (various methods)

Publication or organisation of origin.

Royal Academy of Engineering (UK)

Renewble Obligation, University of Central London (UCL)

Gold Standard Verified - various

Defra Evidence and Analysis Series*

International Renewable Energy Agency



£ per tonne of carbon

74

68

10-30

30

54



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Pros and Cons of offsetting

Pros

- Better than doing nothing (?)
- Encourages people to consider and understand their impacts
- Researching offsets and projects engages people in different environmental solutions and sustainable development issues
- Projects can support sustainable development and biodiversity conservation goals.
- Voluntary offsets can test innovation and inform future policy interventions



Cons

- Complexity- choosing a transparent offset method where investment goes to a viable project with positive environmental and social impacts
- Offset prices may not reflect true carbon costs
- Projects don't un- do the damage caused by emitting carbon and can take a long time to absorb carbon
- Encourages a mentality of continuing with BAU/ rebound effect





TOP TIPS for effective offsetting



- 1. Offsetting is a last resort!
- 2. Don't underestimate your impacts
- 3. Do your research
- 4. Look for a local project
- 5. Consider including an offset contribution in ticket prices
- 6. Align your inset approach with your overall environmental strategy goals
- 7. Be transparent and share your learning!











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