

Environmental Sustainability Policy Glossary

We know that lots of terms around sustainability and climate change can appear confusing, and possibly intimidating. We've provided definitions below for some words and phrases in our Environmental Sustainability Policy, and acknowledge that other people may mean different things when using the same words. If there's anything else you would like to see explained, please contact sustainability@mif.co.uk

- Net zero carbon = Where all the human caused carbon has been removed, and we are not adding any either. This [article](#) from the National Grid provides further explanation
- Climate justice = An umbrella term that links climate change to other political issues relating to social and environmental justice. This [article](#) from the United Nations on sustainable development gives further details
- Ecological regeneration = To restore degraded or destroyed ecosystems in the environment through human action.
- Pre-industrial levels = Temperature levels at any point previous to the industrial revolution.
- Greenhouse gases = Gases that absorb infrared radiation and add to the 'greenhouse effect' which heats up the earth. Carbon dioxide is an example.
- Carbon Neutral = Achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions.
- Circular economy = An economic system which prioritises the continued use of resources, and the elimination of waste. [Article](#) expanding this.
- Municipal waste = Waste that consists of everyday rubbish the public throw away.
- Environmental net gain = measurable improvements in the natural environment
- Climate shocks and stresses = Highly unexpected climate events that cause damage.

FC task suggestions

- Updates to Sustainability page on mif.co.uk: <https://mif.co.uk/about/sustainability/> thinking about;
 - Where on the website it should go (currently slightly hidden in “About” section)
 - What information is interesting for a general audience; maybe check EAP
 - How to add in glossary page

Could do + / - comparisons with other arts organisations to help figure out what we should be saying, e.g.

- <https://www.eif.co.uk/sustainability>
- <https://homemcr.org/about/sustainability/>
- <https://lyric.co.uk/environmental-policy/>