

LOWNDRAW

GREEN RIDER

THE THEATRE INDUSTRY HAS A **SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT** ON THE ENVIRONMENT

At Lowry, we're committed to reducing our environmental impact—but we know we can't do it alone. While we respect the creative freedom of visiting companies, we invite you to consider our sustainability goals and help us build a greener theatre industry.

This Green Rider outlines our environmental commitments and suggests ways visiting productions can support them. Our approach is guided by the principles of the Theatre Green Book, which sets out industry-wide standards for sustainable practice.

Lowry has achieved 'Baseline Standard' in the Theatre Green Book. You can find out more about Theatre Green Book [here](#).

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THIS RIDER

In this Rider we ask that you (the Visitor) consider all aspects of your visit: before your visit, during your stay and after you leave.

The Rider details our commitments, so visitors may find that many commitments are already being actioned in their environmental policy

The Rider also details out aspirational commitments. All commitments are therefore to be seen as suggestions or requests rather than orders and necessities.

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LOWRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Lowry is one of the largest and busiest arts centres in the country.

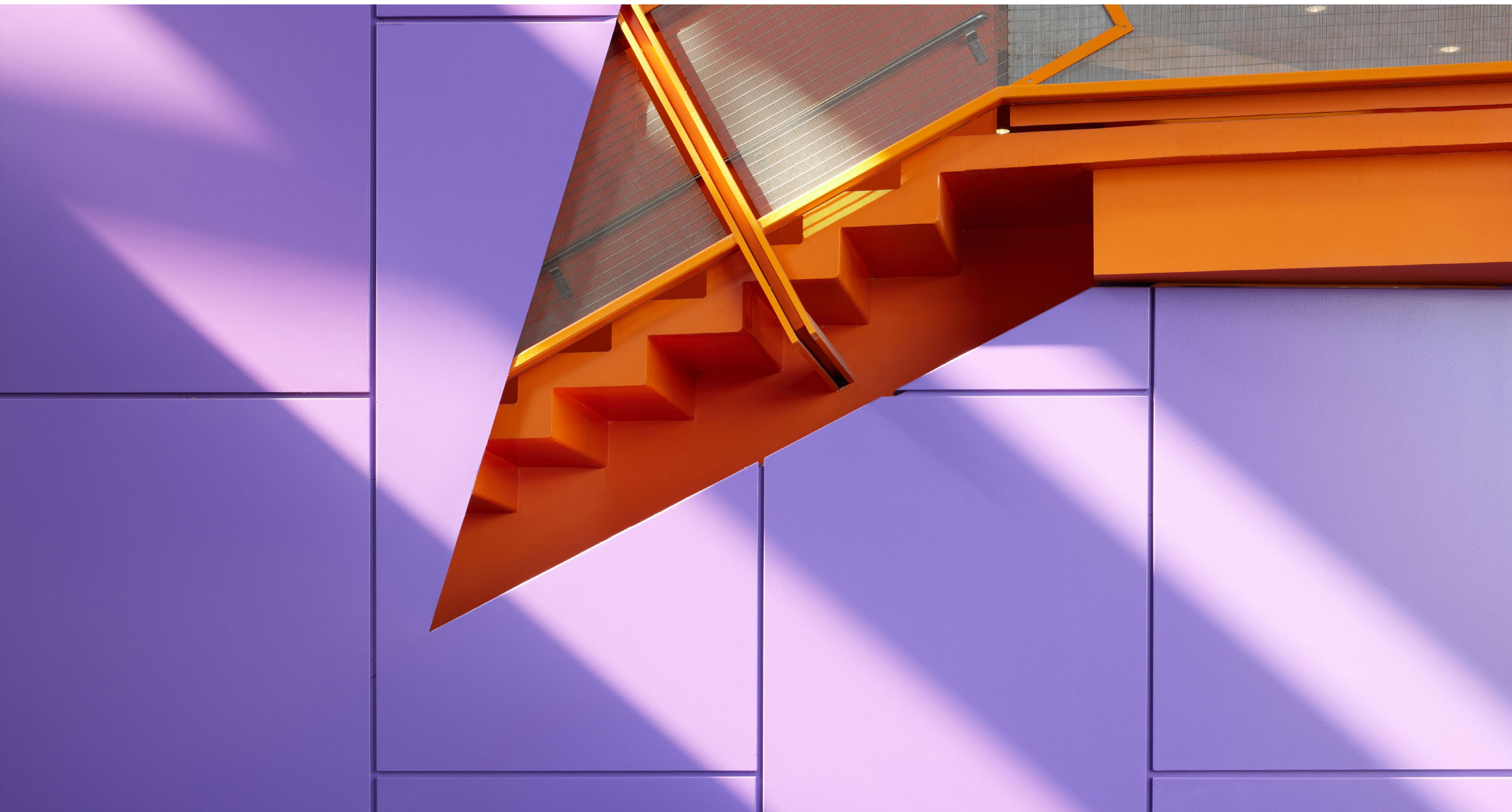
Based in Salford, it is named after the early 20th century painter LS Lowry, known for his paintings of industrial scenes in North West England.

Opening on 28 April 2000, it attracts over **850,000 visitors a year** to its three theatres, two galleries, studios and public event spaces. The building sits at the heart of one of the most successful redevelopment projects in the country – Salford Quays and MediaCityUK.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Achieved Theatre Green Book Sustainable Operation and Sustainable Buildings Baseline
- In our mid-scale Quays Theatre, the auditorium and stage working lights have been updated from incandescent light fittings to more energy efficient and sustainable lighting. We also updated the infrastructure to allow us to replace the tungsten stage lighting with LED alternatives.
- Over 80% of staff have now undertaken Carbon Literacy training
- Internal Environmental and Sustainability Team (EAST) launched across the organisation
- Significant investment in energy efficient lighting across the building
- Investment in energy efficient plant systems that warm and cool the building
- Removal of all single use plastics bottles across our public catering operation
- Reduced paper consumption by stopping the production of print season brochures and flyers in the building
- Engaged industry experts Buro Happold to conduct a review of our environmental practices and create a new sustainability policy
- Appointed a lead Trustee for environmental sustainability
- Created an organisation-wide environmental sustainability ‘code of practice’

WHAT **LOWRY** HAS COMMITTED TO



For all operations and Buildings, **Lowry has achieved 'Baseline Standard' in the Theatre Green Book.**

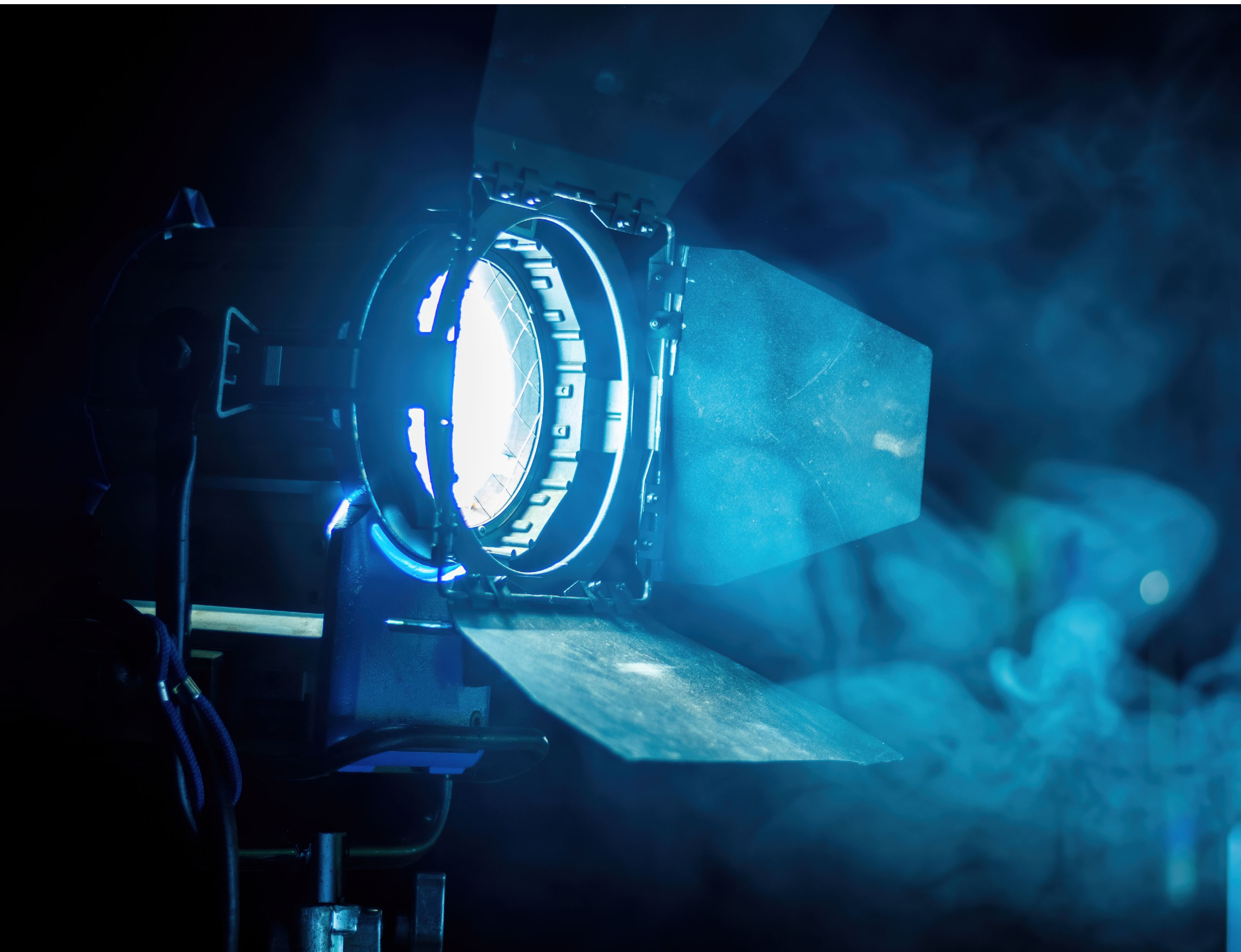
The Visiting Company should familiarise themselves with the Rider and inform Lowry if they are unable to fulfil this agreement, so that appropriate mitigation can be implemented.

Specifically, Lowry commits to the following:

- Providing carbon literacy training to all contracted members of staff;
- Asking all members of staff to use reusable cups and water bottles
- Programming productions that raise awareness of environmental issues
- All commissioned productions to contribute positively to Lowry's environmental aims; considering the Baseline Standard of the Theatre Green Book Second edition: Sustainable Productions
- Providing Creative Climate Action training for all artists engaging in the artist development programme
- Using the most environmentally friendly stage craft methods where possible, e.g., using sash and rubber bungies to fix cables to lighting bars
- Cleaning contractors to use the most environmentally friendly products
- Regularly auditing our waste streams
- Initiating a new procurement policy with a focus on environmental sustainability
- A no idling policy on the service road and loading bay
- At Lowry Restaurant, we're all about keeping things local, seasonal, and sustainable. Every choice we make is designed to care for our planet, support local farmers, and create delicious food you can feel good about.



WHAT WE ASK OF VISITING COMPANIES



In return we ask that the Visiting Company shall:

- Work with Lowry to identify opportunities to increase innovation, reduce cost and waste throughout the duration of this Agreement
- Comply with Lowry's Sustainability Policy for the duration of your time with us
- Consider the relevance of sustainability at all lifecycle stages of the production provided under this Agreement. This includes consideration of Lowry's requirements, minimisation of negative impacts and the maximisation of positive impacts on society and the environment.
- Consider using the Theatre Green Book 2: Sustainable Productions when planning and producing your productions
- Consider how you arrive at Lowry – using public transport, car sharing, cycling or walking wherever possible. Please visit [tfgm.com](https://www.tfgm.com) for further information.
- Consider accommodation that is within walking distance
- Switching off equipment and lights when not in use and overnight
- Be mindful of the logistics of your tour, using the correct size vehicles and reducing the mileage of those vehicles so they use the shortest route possible
- Ensure a 'no-idling' procedure is followed by all drivers for the duration of the get-in and get-out
- Use the most environmentally friendly equipment and methods possible, from energy efficient lighting systems to eco-friendly wardrobe chemicals



- Use more sustainable marketing methods and less print
- Selecting merchandise with a good environmental impact for sale
- Use reusable cups and water bottles

INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT



The environmental pages on our website can be found [here](#).

We provide self-catering facilities (microwave, toaster, fridge) in our Village green room and vegan/vegetarian food options in our bars and restaurants.

We provide drinking water fountains around the building for refillable bottles.

We encourage you to use the kit in our theatres in order to avoid touring unnecessary equipment – you can find our tech specs [here](#). Please be aware that this is shared across our theatres and will need to be booked in advance.

We provide clearly labelled recycling facilities throughout the building

Dressing room lights are on local control so it is important they are switched off when you are not in the dressing rooms.

Unfortunately, at the moment we do not have the ability to track power usage across our theatres. Submetering would be a significant investment and we are currently completing a feasibility study to install sub meters on The Lyric, Quays and Studio stages.

The nearest facility for charging small electric domestic or commercial vehicles is in the Quayside Shopping Centre multistorey car park. There are charging units for larger vehicles at local



refuelling stations on Trafford Road (about a mile away).

The nearest Green Key accredited hotel accommodation is Manchester Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel ([hotelsone.com](https://www.hotelsone.com)).

The nearest hotel by walking distance is Holiday Inn Media City, an IHG Hotel – Guest Reservations.

Thank you for your support