



# Galway International Arts Festival

## 15 – 28 July 2024

### Traders' Sustainability Policy Declaration

GIAF is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and accepts responsibility for its activities that may negatively impact the environment. All traders are asked to comply with the following rules and acknowledge their commitment by signing this document below. The Festival takes sustainability considerations seriously and will conduct related checks on traders during the Festival. Noncompliance may mean you are not invited back to trade at the Festival in the future. Please contact the GIAF Traders' Manager with any questions or concerns at [traders@giaf.ie](mailto:traders@giaf.ie).

#### **Serving Materials**

- ✓ ABSOLUTELY NO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS OR POLYSTYRENE packaging and serviceware cutlery is to be present onsite. We encourage you to source sustainable products from <https://www.down2earthmaterials.ie> if you do not currently use them.
- ✓ All receptacles and utensils at food stalls must be compostable or biodegradable, i.e., paper plates, bowls, napkins, wooden cutlery, and cardboard takeaway boxes.
- ✓ Coffee cups and lids should be compostable and offered as an optional item, where possible.
- ✓ Do not supply straws; this includes plastic, biodegradable, compostable, and paper straws.
- ✓ Please do not bring plastic bags for bought items. Consider making reusable bags available for sale to encourage customers to use them.
- ✓ All takeaway serveware, including food trays and cutlery, must be compostable or biodegradable and strictly certified to **BS EN 13432** standard.



#### **Food**

- ✓ Avoid using single-serve sachets for spreads, condiments, sugar, salt and sauces.
- ✓ Foods, especially meats and fish, should be from certified sustainable farms, locally sourced and seasonal, where possible.
- ✓ Eggs should be free-range.

- ✓ All tea, coffee, sugar, and chocolate MUST come from sustainable and ethical sources, such as Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, Fair for Life certified. Other schemes include Just Change *and* the Ethical Tea Partnership.
- ✓ Soft drinks and water for selling must be in cans or bottles.

## **Waste**

- ✓ There will be a **three-bin system and** four-bin system with segregated bins onsite for you to correctly dispose of your waste, as follows:
  - Glass.
  - Food waste and compostable serveware (to be completely separated from the rest).
  - Landfill or General waste (this should be minimal).
  - Mixed recycling, i.e., plastic, metals, paper, flattened cardboard. Flattened cardboard is to be disposed of directly into the 1100L Recyclables Bins.
- ✓ Waste vegetable oil is to be stored in drums and removed at the end of the day. Under no circumstances should waste oil be poured onto the ground. Your pitch must be clean when you return it, as a fee of €500 will be charged for any spillages and waste discarded.
- ✓ Please do not block service access to the bins at the back of the house.
- ✓ No black bags are permitted. Please bring your own clear bags to use to allow for waste separation.

Compliance with the above will be monitored throughout the Festival by the Sustainability Manager, Event Team and the Traders' Manager. You must *enable* checks to be completed at any time. GIAF has a strict zero-tolerance policy for any abuse, including verbal.

**By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the above sustainability guidelines and agree to abide by them during Galway International Arts Festival 2024. You understand that by breaching this agreement, you may not be asked back to trade with the Festival in the future.**

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Trading Name

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Signature

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Date