

The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

‘Phase 5’ – Studio 1 Redevelopment

Waste and Refuse Management Plan

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About Central

Central is a self-governing college of the University of London, combining practical training and production with a highly ranked research programme and the largest grouping of performing arts specialists in the UK. It offers undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses, covering: acting; drama, applied theatre and education and; theatre practice.

Key facts and figures:

- Founded 1906
- Approx. 155 staff and 1000 students
- Location: 1 campus in Swiss Cottage, comprising six buildings, built at different times since the early 1900s, and one off-site studio a five minute walk away
- Main facilities: lecture halls, rehearsal rooms, performance studios, one theatre, workshops, computer room, library, offices, café, canteen and student bar

Waste Management Statement

Central's ambition is to become a leader in environmental sustainability for theatre thereby being a positive influence in the industry. It is seeking to target sustainability from a variety of angles; by embedding sustainable practice throughout its estate and operations, curriculum and production activity.

Staff and student engagement is pivotal to creating a sustainable environment at Central. All our community are required to be "mindful" of the waste they produce, both as individuals; and collectively in pursuing their craft.

Environmental Objectives and Responsibilities

Environmental sustainability is embedded within Central's Corporate Plan (2013-2018). An expectation of Central is that all our community make themselves aware and reflect on all possible impacts of their waste; they are then required to mitigate any negative effects by implementing the best environmental option Central makes available to them.

Consideration of the environment is implicit to the roles of all Central employees, however specific responsibilities with regards to sustainability and waste are an integral part of the posts of the Director of Operations and the Environment and Safety Manager (at a current allocation of 0.1fte and 0.7fte respectively) to ensure and develop sustainable practices throughout the institution.

Waste Management Policy and Plan

General waste:

In 2013/14 Central recycled approximately one third of its general waste; the remaining two-thirds were disposed of as residual waste (43% incineration and 22% landfill).

In 2014/15 the aim is to increase the recycling rate at Central; the objective is to recycle two-thirds of all general waste produced across campus. Central will seek to achieve an increase in general recycling via the following measures:

- A waste contract that recycles a wide variety of materials
- Fit for purpose bins with clear signage
- Food recycling facilities for canteen and staff kitchen
- Staff and student recycling information/ guidance on intranet Environment page

A wide variety of waste can be recycled in commingled recycling bins at Central; a broad list of items includes:

- Mixed paper and card/cardboard
- Food tins and drink cans
- Plastic packaging
- Cartons
- Mixed glass

Workshop waste:

In May 2014 Central introduced formal recycling facilities for specific workshop materials and set production waste. Previous to this, the majority of unwanted set production materials, props and workshop waste had been recycled; however there had been no formal procedure or documentation in place to guarantee sustainable practice. The updated facilities now allow for the collection and recycling of smaller materials that previously were disposed of as residual waste e.g. material scraps from Wardrobe and sawdust/wood chips from the Scenic and Props Construction workshops.

Central's aim in 2014/15 is to document all workshop/production waste; this will facilitate the creation of a baseline recycling and residual waste figure specific to theatre production. The monitoring of waste channels will also ensure the highest proportion of all waste is being recycled.

Specific workshop and set production waste have separate recycling facilities; these are located at the rear of the main site. Items available to recycle at this facility are:

- Wood
- Polystyrene
- Textiles
- Clay
- Plaster
- Metals
- Electronic Waste
- Batteries

Hazardous waste:

The quantity of hazardous waste produced at Central is relatively small. The school actively avoids or minimises any activity or process that would incur waste with a hazardous component. The main hazardous waste items are therefore limited to discarded electrical equipment and light bulbs. Central ensures that all hazardous waste is disposed of via licensed hazardous waste carriers.

Waste and recycling collections:

The majority of commingled recycling and general waste is collected by LB Camden from Eton Avenue, at the front of the main site. The collections are undertaken by a standard Veolia truck, as per the below collection schedule.

LB Camden collection details									
Material	Container/ Size (litres)	Collection day/s							
		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Mixed Recycling	1100	4			4				8
Food Waste	240				1				1
Mixed Municipal Waste	1100	3	3	3	3	3			15
Collection Point: Bin Store - Corner of Eton Avenue and Finchley Road									

Workshop recycling and production waste is collected by Scenery Salvage, a company specialising in recycling, reclamation and hiring unwanted materials back to the entertainment industry. The service they provide is ad hoc, dependent on the level of unwanted materials needing disposal; however this service is currently utilised by Central once or twice a term. Servicing is by a 7.5t truck via Buckland Crescent, at the back gate entrance to the main site. Collections are typically undertaken between 10am and 4pm (Mon-Fri) and are of the 20 to 40 minute duration, dependent on load.