



Siamsa Tíre Climate Action Plan (2025–2028)

Message from the CEO

Growing up in North Kerry, I have always felt a deep connection to our land, language and the stories that shape our communities. As CEO of Siamsa Tíre, I believe the arts have a role to play in how we understand and respond to the climate crisis.

Siamsa Tíre became Ireland's first certified Green Arts Centre through the exceptional work of Catriona Fallon, whose commitment and leadership established much of the environmental thinking on which we continue to build today. It is important to acknowledge that legacy. Our responsibility now is not simply to hold that title, but to continue the work behind it.

This Climate Action Plan puts our Climate Action Policy [CLIMATE-ACTION-POLICY-2026 V1.docx](#) into practice, translating our commitments into actions, responsibilities and measurable priorities for the next three years. It should be read alongside our Climate Action Policy [LINK], which sets out the principles and commitments underpinning this work.

The Plan builds on what has already been achieved while responding to where we are now, from biodiversity and the environmental performance of our building to procurement, travel and waste, as well as the role artists and creative programming can play in engaging people with climate, environment and place. Siamsa Tíre has always held tradition and change alongside one another. Our connection to landscape, culture and living heritage gives environmental responsibility particular meaning here. Through this Plan, we want to reduce our environmental impact, make practical and measurable improvements, support climate-conscious artistic practice and involve our staff, artists, audiences and communities in that work. We are proud to build on the work of those who established this commitment and to carry it forward, ensuring environmental responsibility continues to shape how Siamsa Tíre works, plans and develops.

CEO, Siamsa Tíre

Mission Statement

Siamsa Tíre is committed to playing an active role in Ireland's transition to a climate-resilient, biodiversity-rich, and climate-neutral economy by 2050, in line with the Government's Climate Action Plan 2024 and Culture 2025. As a leading cultural institution in the southwest of Ireland, we recognise our responsibility to integrate sustainability into e

What We've Done So Far

- Implemented LED lighting and stage upgrades
- Replaced oil heating with air-to-heat pump
- Installed 40 photovoltaic panels
- Improved insulation and draft proofing
- Partnered in Creative Climate Action networks
- Conducted energy assessments and planning
- Launched water and waste reduction and biodiversity measures

Our Guiding Principles

- **Cultural Leadership:** embedding sustainability in the arts
- **Community Empowerment:** engaging audiences and artists
- **Just Transition:** fairness, inclusion and accessibility
- **Evidence-based approach:** listening to our stakeholders, including board of directors, staff, artists and audience through surveys and feedback on measurable actions.
- **Action with Urgency:** setting bold and immediate goals.

Why Now?

We are at a defining moment in the climate crisis. Ireland is already experiencing the effects of climate change, from rising sea levels to biodiversity loss. Cultural institutions like ours have a unique and vital role to play—not only in reducing our environmental footprint but also in using our platforms to shift narratives, inspire collective action, and foster resilience in our communities.

Strategic Goals (2025–2028)

1. Reduce the Environmental Impact of Our Building Operations

- Conduct energy and carbon audits
- Transition to renewable energy where feasible
- Improve insulation and building systems
- Expand waste sorting, composting and reduction strategies
- Implement sustainable procurement practices

2. Encourage Low-Carbon Audience and Staff Travel

- Survey and promote active public transport
- Offer incentives or infrastructure for green transport
- Enhance bike parking and improve information about local transport options
- Provide travel advice and communicate alternatives to clients and customers

3. Embed Climate and Ecological Themes in Our Programming

- Support artist-led work exploration of environmental themes
- Host community arts workshops on climate topics
- Engage schools and youth in creative sustainability projects

4. Build Capacity and Partnerships for Long-Term Change

- Appoint a Sustainability Lead
- Provide training to staff and artists
- Partner with national and local climate initiatives

5. Communicating Change

- Develop ways to communicate how we lead the way on climate change as an arts venue.
- Examples include: use of signage, digital screens, and social media stories to show real-time or monthly updates on sustainability milestones (e.g. energy saved, waste diverted, community workshop stats).
- Developing partnerships in the promotion of the climate action initiatives.

Climate Action Implementation Plan: January – December 2026 and 2027

This two-year action plan outlines Siamsa Tíre's practical steps toward achieving its climate action goals across key areas, inspired by national best practices and aligned with our multi-year Climate Action Plan (2025–2028). The plan is divided into quarterly targets, provides a task tracking structure, and includes monitoring criteria to evaluate progress.

Monitoring and Evaluation

To support continuous improvement and align with national climate objectives, Siamsa Tíre will establish a series of long-term environmental performance targets against a 2019 baseline year. These targets will provide a clear framework for measuring progress and prioritising investment in sustainability initiatives across the organisation. Subject to annual review and the availability of reliable baseline data, Siamsa Tíre will work towards achieving;

- a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030
- progressing towards Net Zero emissions by 2050
- maintaining and improving existing waste diversion performance to minimise landfill disposal
- reducing water consumption by 30% by 2030
- implementing annual biodiversity enhancement measures across the site

Progress against these targets will be monitored through the CAP Carbon Calculator and reported annually as part of the organisation's Sustainability Reporting process.

Metrics to track:

- Monthly electricity and water usage
- Waste reduction (kg/month)
- Number of staff engaged in sustainability training
- Audience responses to travel and sustainability initiatives
- Number of green-themed events delivered

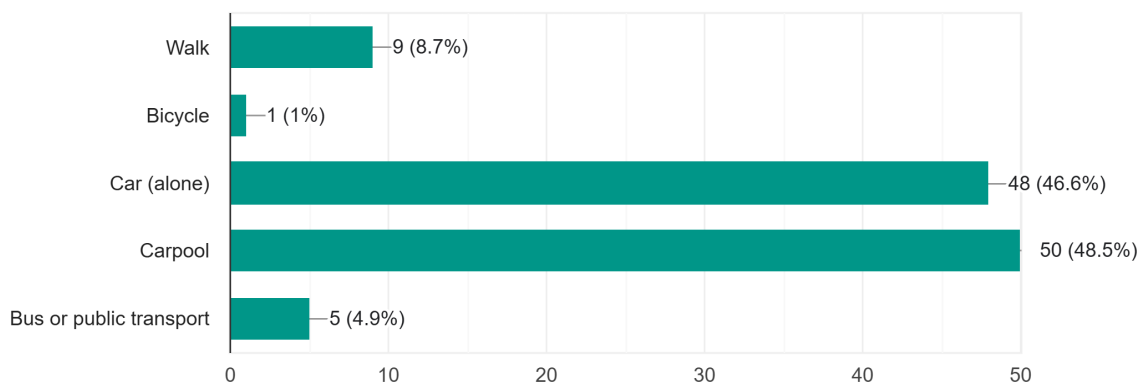
Quarterly Checklist & Task Tracker

Quarter	Key Actions	Assigned	Status
Q1 (Jan–Mar) 2026	- Review audit and meet to discuss new plan	MM	Completed
Q2 (Apr–Jun) 2026	- Host Earth Day public event - Artist programming on climate themes	Team Team	In progress
Q3 (Jul–Sep) 2026	- Refurbishment of public toilets to improve water management and energy through sensor lighting - Review sensor lighting quotes and apply for climate action funding - Attend Sustainable Tralee Network meeting – monthly from Aug and feedback initiatives to team - Complete Waste management audit and update Failte Ireland Carbon Calculator	EH	Completed
		EH	In progress
		MM	In progress
		EH/CT	In progress
Q4 (Oct–Dec) 2026	- Finalise new waste management procedures - Deliver waste management training for staff - Install improved signage for recycling and water stations throughout the building - Review procurement policies and include in staff training - Compile full-year sustainability report - Set targets for 2027	EH EH/MM MM	In progress
		EH/MM	
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Q1 (Jan–Mar) 2027	- Review audit and meet to discuss new plan and actions - Review waste management stats and procedures following training - Pilot green rider for visiting companies - Artist programming on climate theme - Attend Sustainable Tralee Network meeting – monthly and feedback initiatives to team	EH/MM	All year round All year round Monthly
		EH/CT	
		MM/EH	
		Team MM	
Q2 (Apr–Jun) 2027	- Host Earth Day public event - Launch sustainable travel info for audiences	Team MM	
Q3 (Jul–Sep) 2027	- Evaluate summer energy usage - Mid-year review and adjust plan - Apply for climate action funding if required	EH	
		EH/MM	
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Q4 (Oct–Dec) 2027	- Compile full-year sustainability report - Set targets for 2028	EH/MM	
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APPENDIX 1 – Customer Survey Sample Results – Transport

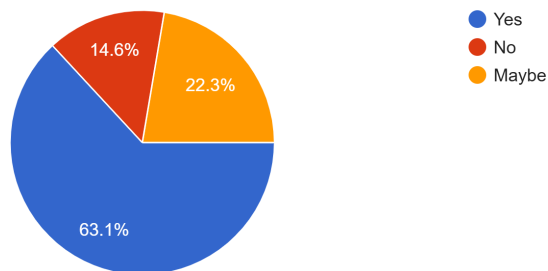
3.1. How do you typically travel to Siamsa Tíre?

103 responses



3.2 Would you consider a greener way to travel if incentives or support were available?

103 responses



4.3. Would you be interested in taking part in community projects focused on climate, nature or sustainability?

103 responses

