

# Running Festivals in a Climate Crisis

Greta Thunburg says “this is not a rehearsal “

Scientists believe it will soon be too late to take serious action on reversing the pollution of our own planet. Some even say it is already too late. We in the events industry have been leading the way for many years in what became known as **sustainability**. We recycle, we use less power, we consider our environment, there is so much more we could do.

I have yet to meet a festival organiser who doesn't care, who wants to take some action but is not quite sure just what. Publications like The Show Must Go On, available free from the website of Vision2025, give an enormous amount of information about how bad the situation is and what we in our industry can do about it.

AFO, in conjunction with BAFA, are presenting two Sustainability Workshops where in a half-day session, you as a festival or event organiser, can learn a great deal more about how to 'save the planet'.

The first of these will take place on Saturday 25 April 2020 from 1pm to 5.30pm at Cromford Mills, Mill Lane, Cromford, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3RQ.

The second workshop will take place on Sunday 26 April 2020 from 1pm to 5.30pm at Oxford Brookes University, Headington Road, Headington, Oxon, OX3 0BP.

The speakers and trainers will be **Mary Corfield, Director and Sustainability Officer for Greenbelt Festival**, and **Tim Benson, Power Supply activist and expert from SMART Power Ltd.**

AFO will be there to assist, plan and chair the sessions which we expect to attract 25-30 delegates to each training session.

The cost is kept low at £40 per delegate per Training Day thanks to a crowd funding project run by AFO.

Book your place/s via [info@festivalorganisers.org](mailto:info@festivalorganisers.org)

Payment can be by BACS to 60 01 31 50789813 or a cheque payable to AFO and sent to PO Box 296, Matlock, DE4 3XU. Payments are non-refundable and include the whole training session be it Derbyshire or Oxfordshire.

Book now for this unique opportunity to find how you and your festival or event can learn more, take action and help save the earth for the next generation of event organisers to enjoy.

Any questions email [sh@festivalorganisers.org](mailto:sh@festivalorganisers.org)