

Art to Zero: Established in November 2019, by NYC-based visual arts workers.

Mission: to build the capacity and foster the partnerships for accelerating the visual art sector's transition to a **net zero future**.

Vision: A just transition to a resilient + restorative future, for the global visual arts community.

Art to Zero is a platform for **climate action planning**, providing:

- knowledge-sharing, tools + resources
- identifying best practices + necessary innovations
- establishing a collective framework for emissions reduction commitments sector-wide

Art to Zero understands and values these solutions depend on broad stakeholder **collaboration** and a responsiveness to our sector's needs. We aim to create an **inclusive** network, convening and equally valuing the perspectives of visual arts practitioners across the sector (artists, gallerists, fair organizers, museums, conservators, fine art shippers, and all necessary service providers), along with **climate justice organizations, sustainability experts, universities, and city governments**.

Art to Zero **stewards the local collective process in NYC while engaging with national and global visual arts + sustainability initiatives**, creating a growing coalition of advocacy and support for sector-wide adoption of shared climate action and emission reduction goals.

By the start of 2020, over 1000 local governments across the globe had made climate emergency declarations. Campaigns have been actively mobilizing leadership from businesses and cities to set reduction targets, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of net zero emissions by 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement.

The visual arts occupies a central position as cultural bellwether and has been long engaged, in numerous ways, on climate and sustainable practices. Yet as practitioners we identify gaps in resources for practical daily action and in planning a collective path toward net zero. **We are not yet united as a sector in comprehensive, science-based, specific solutions**, and have been chiefly operating in silos.

Given this, **Art to Zero believes we, both individually and collectively, must urgently enact a just and meaningful change**. With the ambitious goals of the The Climate Mobilization Act, NYC Green New Deal and One NYC 2050, we are positioned to carefully adopt and model a science-based, **systemic transformation** for the visual art sector within our own city - and beyond.

Art to Zero works to **build capacity** for creating comprehensive climate action plans and achieving shared net zero emissions goals in the visual arts main areas of operations: *Energy + Facilities, Shipping Logistics, Materials + Waste, Travel, and Community + Audience*.

Art to Zero works to **build community** by creating awareness for measuring emissions of all operational footprints, by facilitating cross-sector **conversations** to design shared commitments within the visual arts, and by **collaborating** with local government, climate organizations, and leaders active in the fight for a just transition to **gain knowledge** across a range of sectors.

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