

Spike Island

Policies on Ethical Programming, Fundraising and Procurement

Spike Island commits to uphold universal principles of human rights and international law, to seek to refrain from knowingly doing or contributing to undue harm, and to ensure basic ethical standards.

Spike Island's Ethical Standards set out the guiding principles of our work and are framed within our core values: bold, open, connected, ingenious. The various policies and procedures that we have in place, including our [Ethical Fundraising Policy](#) and Procurement Policy, ensure that we hold ourselves to these standards in everything we do. These standards have been created in consultation with our Board of Trustees and staff team. They are ambitious yet achievable, and reflect Spike Island's charitable purpose as well as our vision, mission and values.

Programming

We seek to not knowingly include in our programming artists, contributors or cultural products that are produced by entities that are verifiably complicit in, advocate for, or whitewash grave violations of international law (such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, modern slavery, and genocide), racism or racial violence, and environmental destruction.

We believe in the power of art to inspire a more equitable and generous worldview, which often means putting politically provocative subjects at the heart of the programme. We support the artists and people we work with to share their views in constructive, thought-provoking and challenging ways, while respecting each other's personal views and ensuring they do not fundamentally conflict with our organisational values or charitable purpose.

Sponsorship & Funding

Spike Island seeks to not knowingly accept sponsorship/partnership or other forms of funding from individuals, corporations or other entities that are verifiably complicit in, advocating for, or whitewash grave violations of international law (such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, modern slavery, and genocide), racism or racial violence, and environmental destruction.

Procurement

Spike Island has a responsibility for spending public money. We have a duty to operate in an open and transparent way and secure the best possible value for money when we procure goods and services on behalf of the charity.

Our Procurement Policy ensures that we seek to obtain value for money whilst providing adequate safeguards against fraud, theft, waste, loss, inefficiency, irregularity and impropriety. It details a tender process that prevents us from entering into contracts with suppliers and contractors who are verifiably complicit in, advocate for, or whitewash grave violations of international law (such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, modern slavery, and genocide), racism or racial violence, and environmental destruction.