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Julie's Bicycle, an organisation that

promotes the role of cultural and creative actors in adapting to and powering action on climate change, has recently published its ***Museum's Environmental Framework***, released with the support of Arts Council England. The *Museums' Environmental Framework* is a **new resource building on the environmental practice and leadership of a vital part of the UK's cultural sector**. This framework is the result of a collaboration with the museums sector and **aims to both celebrate good practice and inspire more**. Indeed, the introduction to the new publication argues that **many museums are already reframing environmental action as an opportunity to create more resilient and happier organisations**, for them and the communities they serve. At a time when building a sustainable society is more pressing than ever, the **unique role of museums as custodians of the past and interpreters of the future** has never been more relevant. Responses have been diverse and creative, reflecting the uniqueness of their buildings and collections. The *Museums' Environmental Framework* has been developed for this context and with the good will and expertise of a range of museum representatives. The publication provides:

- an **overview of different levels of environmental practice across 12 key themes** helping museums to better understand their current environmental practice and inform environmental thinking and action;
- **examples of environmental practice** demonstrating how museums are adopting environmental practice within their own operations, promoting environmental values and fostering environmental understanding with their audiences and communities;
- a **summary of legal, funding and other requirements and standards** for museums relating to environmental ambition and practice, from emissions reporting to environmental standards for buildings; and
- an **overview of environmental guidance, tools and networks available** to help museums in developing and sharing their environmental practice.

The new publication features case studies and insights from key sector organisations including Happy Museum Project; Museum Development Network; Museums Galleries Scotland; Museums, Archives and Libraries Division Welsh Government, and; Northern Ireland Museums Council. The *Museums' Environmental Framework* developed by Julie's Bicycle can be **downloaded for free** at <https://www.juliesbicycle.com/resource-museums-framework-2017>

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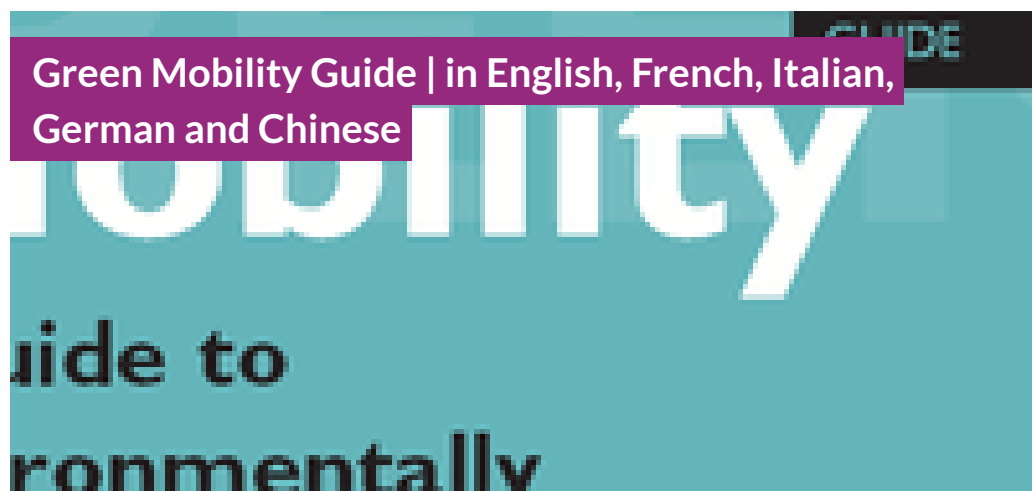
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