

CARAVANE

Climate Art Fusion

Emotional Safety and Openness in Practice

From the outset, CARAVANE places strong emphasis on designing environments where participants feel able to express ideas, doubts, and emotions without fear of judgement or exclusion. Laboratories are structured to prioritise listening, mutual respect, and collective responsibility, ensuring that all participants feel seen and valued within the group.

A central tool supporting this approach is the Code of Conduct, which establishes shared expectations around respectful behaviour, inclusion, equality, and non-discrimination. The Code clearly articulates a zero-tolerance stance toward harassment, abusive behaviour, or exclusion, creating a framework that applies equally to all participants, facilitators, and partners.

Rather than functioning as a formal document alone, the Code of Conduct is actively communicated and integrated into laboratory practices. Participants are introduced to its principles at the beginning of activities, reinforcing a shared understanding of boundaries, consent, and mutual care in both artistic and social interactions.

The Code also outlines concrete mechanisms for accountability. Clear procedures are in place for raising concerns or reporting inappropriate behaviour, with designated contact points within the CARAVANE team. These mechanisms ensure that issues can be addressed promptly, confidentially, and with sensitivity, reinforcing trust and transparency within the group.

Emotional wellbeing is treated as a collective responsibility rather than an individual burden. Facilitators actively support inclusive group dynamics, while participants are encouraged to respect differences in pace, expression, and comfort levels. This shared approach allows creative processes to unfold without pressure or fear.

Alongside ethical conduct guidelines, CARAVANE applies strict GDPR-compliant data protection measures. Participants are informed about how personal data, images, and creative contributions are collected, stored, and used. Informed consent is obtained for all photographic, audiovisual, and dissemination-related material.

Transparency around data use contributes significantly to participants' sense of security. Knowing that personal information and creative expressions are protected allows participants to engage more openly and confidently in artistic processes.

The combination of ethical safeguards and data protection practices creates a stable foundation for deeper engagement. Participants feel protected both personally and creatively, which directly supports authentic expression and a willingness to take creative risks.

Emotional safety also supports intercultural exchange. Many participants engage with peers from different cultural, social, or national backgrounds for the first time. The structured emphasis on respect and care enables these encounters to unfold constructively, even when perspectives differ.

Through this approach, emotional safety becomes a catalyst rather than a constraint. It enables experimentation, dialogue, and collaboration to develop within a trusted collective framework.



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