



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARIA BRIDAL UK



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

Aria Bridal UK is committed to the ensuring the sustainable future of our planet and it's inhabitants.

The 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development are central in achieving this.

Within this document we aim to highlight what Aria Bridal UK is either currently doing to meet each of the 17 goals, or what we aim to do in the near future.



NO POVERTY

We aim to tackle poverty by ensuring the farmers and producers who provide our cloth are paid fairly and that they are not replacing food farming with cash crops. We only buy from producers who are able to invest in their local communities to work themselves out of poverty in a sustainable way.



NO HUNGER

We strongly believe no one should go to bed hungry and are concerned about the long-term health effects of hunger. We ensure that farmers who grow crops are not replacing food farming with cash crops and that all along the supply chain workers/producers are paid fair wages.



GOOD HEALTH

We ensure the cloth is grown/produced free of pesticides and other harmful chemicals, which impact on the health of workers. It is important workers have access to health care, which is why we source fabrics from communities that invest in health care and wider infrastructure.



QUALITY EDUCATION

The fabric we source is from small cooperatives, which invest in education for local people. In the future we would like to invest directly in programmes, which provide education for garment workers children, to eradicate child labour and provide better opportunities for future generations.



GENDER EQUALITY

Aria Bridal UK is run by a woman...for women. Women who want to express their individuality through the clothes they wear and break down traditional barriers. We are also committed to the inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community and actively spread awareness of this issue via social media.



CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

We only source fabrics, which have the minimum water contaminations, free of harmful chemicals and water effluent. During final production, products are washed and dyed using non-toxic/natural dyes and using either zero impact detergent or laundry balls to wash finished gowns.

7	RENEWABLE ENERGY
	The Aria Bridal UK design studio is powered using renewable energy from Ecotricity. We also plan to fully power the studio through the installation of solar power and to use an antique Victorian Singer treadle machine for sewing most designs, dramatically reducing our overall energy demands.
8	GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
	We believe all people should have good, safe and well-paid jobs. Our textile suppliers are able to reinvest in their local communities, education and health care, leading to increased productivity and economic stability. All of this also applies in the UK and Aria aims to be pioneers of the SDG's in Wales.
9	INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
	Aria Bridal UK actively develops new/innovative ways of making gowns such as using the latest technology or new innovative sustainable fabrics. We also ensure the partnerships/cooperatives, producing for us, can reinvest in their local communities developing their own modern infrastructure.
10	REDUCED INEQUALITIES
	Aria Bridal UK is committed to reducing the inequalities stemming from the disproportionate power dynamics of the "western" world. We do this by carefully selecting and mapping our suppliers to ensure supply chains are free of exploitation and environmental degradation.
11	SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
	We are part of a network of sustainable designers via SustFashWales, with the goal of a sustainable Wales. Wider afield, one such textile producing community is in Kerala who have been able to provide sustainable, safe work for many villagers, celebrating traditional skills, while also paying fairly.
12	RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
	We are strongly against the current paradigm of unsustainable consumption. We apply this to our business model designing bridal gowns that are meant to be re-used. We also offer a repurposing service if customers want to transform their bridal gowns to be worn (and loved!) again and again.
13	CLIMATE ACTION
	We are all affected by climate change. The impact this is having on our planet is the core reason that Aria Bridal UK exists. To not only reduce the impact traditional bridal gowns and mainstream fashion have on the planet, but to also influence others to rethink their own actions to make positive changes.
14	LIFE BELOW WATER
	We are deeply concerned about the impact we are having on all aquatic life, in particular the impact of plastics in the ocean. We only use natural/vintage materials, recommending Guppy bags where necessary. We only use non-toxic/natural dyes, which dramatically reduces water pollution.
15	LIFE ON LAND
	The fabrics we use are selected to have the minimum impact on the land. We use fabrics made from hemp and bamboo to reduce the space, water and chemical needed to grow, compared to cotton. We only ever use organic cotton in small quantities to overcome water shortages in arid countries.
16	PEACE AND JUSTICE
	We believe strongly in peace and social justice. We are supporters of many organisations, which challenge injustice and inequality on a global scale for example, Fashion Revolution. We do not support or associate with any organisations, which do not share the same values and ethics as ours.
17	PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
	We are founder members of a network of Welsh designers, makers, educators and activists through SustFashWales. We collectively work in partnership across Wales to promote the SDG's and work tirelessly for a future, which is sustainable and resilient for both the planet and all it's inhabitants.

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