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Extract from vox pop of museum professionals answering the questions "Can museums continue to grow at a time when they need to be reducing their carbon footprint?"

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"As we found with our Science of Survival exhibition,

there is great scope to reduce the environmental impact of operations and exhibitions.

The first step is to benchmark where we are as individual organisations and as a sector. We can establish a target per square metre carbon footprint for new projects and then reduce that year-on-year.

Improvements will require ongoing re-examination of working methods, continually putting pressure on existing suppliers and seeking out new ones. I hope this will help museums focus on the aims and real value of expansion. There is an opportunity for museums to become national and international leaders in sustainable development."