



Environmental Policy

Edinburgh Conference Centre at Heriot-Watt University is one of the foremost event venues in the Edinburgh area.

The EDINBURGH CONFERENCE CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY is the inspiration for our local Environmental activities. Through the implementation and development of this policy and associated environmental management practices we will strive to improve our performance.

We will try to continually improve aspects of our environmental performance whilst doing what we can to protect our environment and the people using it. The prevention of pollution will remain paramount throughout our activities.

Cooperation, consultation and communication with our key environmental stakeholders will be given a high priority. Through this process we will ensure that our employees, other persons working on our behalf and visitors to our establishment are aware of this Policy and of their various obligations. Compliance with pertinent environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements will be our minimum target.

Procedures necessary for setting and reviewing the centres environmental objectives and targets will be documented, used and updated as necessary within the centres management systems. This policy shall be developed as the centres management system develops.

We will review and amend our processes and procedures to reduce the impact our operations and the use of our facilities have on the environment.

A copy of this policy may be obtained at the address http://www.edinburgh-conference.com/About_ECC/Environmental_Policy

Actions:

- a) We will promote and champion recycling of materials provided for delegates and introduce a measured scheme for recording this.
- b) We will introduce the option for residents to reduce the frequency of towel changes.
- c) We will extend the use of Fair Trade / Ethically Traded products beyond the provision of tea and coffee.
- d) We will require suppliers to source goods and services locally where so ever possible and feasible
- e) Internally we will look to reduce paper usage and wastage- using when valid, IT solutions.
- f) We will progressively replace bedside lights with energy saver bulbs
- g) We will work with the wider institution to invest in technology to permit reduction in air / travel miles through development of video conferencing facilities.
- h) We will research and publish details on our website of a validated scheme which International and other delegates / conference organisers can use to green their events.
- i) We will communicate our progress and the results of steps taken by customers on our website.

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