



Responsible visitor charter

We are part of a partnership working towards making Scotland one of the worlds' most eco-friendly destinations. As individuals and organisations we have a responsibility to reduce our negative impact on the environment. You are therefore, invited to help us to conserve our natural assets and become one of the most sustainable conference destinations in Scotland.

This charter sets out a number of simple steps that you can take as organisers, visitors and delegates to help us make a difference.

- Help us to reduce our consumption and keep our prices low by switching off lights and closing windows.
- Turn off all electrical equipment when not in use; avoid leaving items on standby or adaptors plugged in but not connected.
- Choose not to turn up the temperature, layers are better.
- Walk more, cycle or better still take the bus; we have excellent bus services with stops less than 100m from the venue entrance.
- Take the train; mainline stations are a 30 minute bus ride away, the local train station a 10 minute walk.
- Leave the car behind if you can, even if only for a day.
- Helping to support our local community, we use the best of local Scottish produce.
- Details on local farmers markets can be obtained from reception.
- Insist on re-usable delegate bags; better still bring your own.

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Buying greener

Did you know- Every £10 spent locally adds £25 to the local economy?

£10 spent in a supermarket only adds £4!

Give the car a rest

Did you know- that commuter business travel accounts for 40% of all car miles?

Conserve energy

Did you know- switching of all non essential office equipment can save enough energy to power a small motor car 100 miles?

Reduce, re-use and re-cycle

- Don't print unless absolutely necessary.
- Help us to re-cycle; put unwanted paper in the boxes provided, plastic cups in the bins and reduce the amount of high gloss handouts.
- Photocopy and print double sided.
- Consider providing delegate information on memory sticks made from recycled products themselves.
- Help us to cut down on the phosphates going into our lochs by re-using your towels more than once.
- Turn off the tap.
- Help us to look after our fantastic landscape and wildlife; avoid littering the country-side, use the bin!
- Guard against fire; safely dispose of your flammables.

- Always stick to the foot-paths and cycle ways; they are there for a reason.
- Why not volunteer with one of the many organisations that pioneer preserving and enhancing our Scottish countryside.

Edinburgh Conference Centre has joined thousands of businesses in Scotland working towards reducing their carbon footprint in conjunction with the Green Business Tourism Scheme. Join us and work with businesses that are committed to looking after our idyllic landscape and taking responsibility for reducing their impact on the environment.

Edinburgh Conference Centre at Heriot Watt University is committed to the environment

Enjoy our grounds, enjoy our environment, enjoy our facilities and enjoy your stay

Be a green campaigner!

Respect and enjoy our natural surroundings

Be water conscious

Did you know- less than 1% of the earth's water supply can be used for drinking?

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