

Conferencing & Events Green Policy

The **Conferencing & Events Team** are dedicated to making the events, facilities and service in TIC as sustainable as possible. We want to work with our clients, visitors and staff to reduce the environmental impact of events in TIC, with the key aim to encourage everyone to **reuse!** Here are some of our **green** credentials:

Venue

- Energy and resource efficient construction materials
- Solar PV array on roof powers the lifts and saves 48 tonnes of CO2 per annum
- Efficient and innovative District Heating scheme
- Daylighting control for energy efficient lighting systems
- Energy zoning make effective use of heating and cooling
- Recycling bins, recycle printer cartridges and 100% recycled paper for the printers
- Energy efficiency taps and hand driers fitted in place of hand towels to reduce waste

Travel

- Bike racks & storage ('Cycle Friendly status with Distinction' awarded by Cycling Scotland)
- Electric Vehicles for hire by visitors and staff
- All visitors and staff are encouraged to use public transport

Catering

- Healthy Working Lives Award – Gold Award
- Fair Trade status
- Keep Cups available to buy and incentives offered
- Onsite water bottling
- Real cutlery and crockery
- No single use plastics or plastic bottles sold from retail outlets
- Member of Food Procurement and Catering working group for the Glasgow City Food Plan – sustainability as a core focus
- 24 principles of Menus of Change embedded in operations for healthy, sustainable menus
- Implemented a plant-forward approach where the style of cooking and eating on campus emphasises, celebrates and encourages, but is not limited to, plant-based foods
- All homemade food has a carbon emission figure allocated to it in order to help reduce footprint
- Locally-sourced food using fresh, seasonal ingredients
- Food map and menus highlighting Scottish suppliers
- A stock management system that more accurately allows controls for food production, waste management and portion control
- New sustainable Food Policy introduces on campus
- Engage with food waste apps such as Too Good To Go to reduce food waste

Active Visitors & Staff

- **Next Bikes** located opposite TIC
- Weekly Walking Groups & Mural Walking Trail
- University's community garden – staff help in the garden, watering the plants and filling the birdfeeders
- Rottenrow Gardens - a green outdoor space where visitors are encouraged to meet and relax
- Staff Jump Programme offering a range of Sustainability and Wellbeing-related actions

