



**Abertay
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Conference Sustainability Pledge

Organisers of EAN 2024 recognise the importance of taking care of the environment and the environmental impact of hosting a conference. We commit to running our conference with a reduced environmental impact by working closely with our venues and suppliers to put in place environmental-friendly policies and best practices wherever possible.

To achieve this, we put the following initiatives in place to reduce our carbon footprint every step of the way and contribute towards a safe and healthy environment.

EAN 2024 supports the Environment and Sustainability Policy of the conference venue, Abertay University.

- [View Abertay University Environment and Sustainability Policy](#)

Organiser

Pre-event

- We used conference calls during the planning stage, reducing our carbon footprint by significantly removing travel for each committee member
- We aim to significantly reduce the amount of printed material at every stage of our event by using technology. When printed material is unavoidable, we will use recycled paper
- We used media and electronic methods for registration and confirmation, conference programme, event promotion, general and delegate communication including e-newsletters and emails
- We selected a conference venue which supports sustainable practice, has a good recycling policy and a robust waste management policy

- Venues selected for the conference are a short walk from the city centre, close to all travel links and a wide range of accommodation
- We selected local suppliers to avoid long distance transport of goods and people

During the event

- Where possible, we use digital signage in an effort to reduce single-use signage options
- Name badges provided will be made from recycled paper
- We will be asking all delegates to return the badge holders provided for re-use
- To minimise the environmental impact, we work with our conference venue to select fresh, locally, or regionally sourced, seasonal food for the catering and order carefully to avoid food waste.
- All cups, plates and cutlery at Abertay University will be compostable and relevant bins provided.

Delegates and visitors

We encouraged our delegates and visitors to make sustainable choices where possible to help reduce their carbon footprint.

Travel

- Analyse the carbon footprint associated with your travel to and from Dundee by using this [calculator](#). Offset the carbon footprint by compensating unavoidable emissions through acknowledged projects, for example [The UN Carbon Offset Platform](#).
- Get active out and about in Dundee city. A compact city bursting with places of interest, history, and things to see, it is so easy to get around. [Dundee's active travel routes](#) in and around the city have been developed over the last few years with a key objective to encourage travel through walking, cycling and public transport, and deploy sustainable alternatives to decarbonise transport.
- When using a taxi you might think of sharing it with one of your fellow delegates.

Hotel

- Select a hotel that supports sustainability activities where possible.
- Consider selecting a hotel in the vicinity of the conference venue so you can walk to the venue or use a bike.
- Only use the air conditioning if it is necessary.
- Turn off the lights and TV when leaving the room.
- Select the type and amount of food during meals sensibly to avoid food waste.

During the event

- Consider bringing your own reusable water bottle and refilling it.
- Only pick up printed marketing and information material that you are really interested in and that you will use.

