



## Sustainability Pledge

Organisers of UKIAFT 2023 - Dundee 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, suppliers and exhibitors to put in place environmentally-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.

UKIAFT 2023 supports the Sustainability Policy of the conference venue ([Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee](#)); the Conference Dinner venue (Discovery Point).

### Organiser

#### Pre-Conference

- We used media and electronic methods for registration and confirmation, abstract submissions, conference programme, event promotion, general and delegate communication including e-newsletters and emails. Look out for QR codes on the day to access our program and see speaker bios
- We selected a conference venue which supports sustainable practice, has a good recycling policy and a robust waste management policy
- Venues selected for both the conference and social programme 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 lanyards provided for re-use
- All delegate bags are biodegradable and undated to allow future 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.
- Ethical coffee breaks – coffee served within the conference venue is from Coffee Conscience, a Scottish based company offering Fairtrade beans (roasted in Dundee) with a percentage of revenue going to community projects in the UK and abroad

## Industry - exhibitors and partners

### During the event

We have encouraged our exhibitors and partners to consider the following:

- Reduce unsustainable packaging and avoid using materials containing PVC
- Less is more – encouraged our sponsors/exhibitors to rethink the number of printed brochures and flyers or change to a digital version
- Rethink give-aways and offer sustainable versions
- Use reusable tableware for catering at the stand space

