



# Art & Science: Connections & Interactions 2023

## Our Sustainability Pledge

Organisers of the Art & Science: Connections & Interactions conference 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.

We support the environment and sustainable policies with the conference venue and caterers.

- [University of Dundee Environmental & Sustainable Policy](#)
- [Hospitality Services, University of Dundee Sustainable Food Policy](#)

### Organiser

#### Pre-event

- We used online meetings to plan the event, reducing our carbon footprint by removing travel requirements for each organiser
- 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 use media and electronic methods for registration and confirmation, event promotion, general and delegate communication including e-newsletters and emails
- We use a conference venue which supports sustainable practice and is actively seeking to improve its recycling and waste management

#### During the event

- All the venues for both the conference and social programme are a short walk from the city centre and close to public transport links
- We will not provide delegate bags and will encourage delegates to bring their own
- Our caterers aim to use fresh, locally or regionally sourced food for the catering and we have tried order quantities carefully to avoid food waste
- Coffee cups are fully compostable with compostable lids. The paper plates and napkins are compostable. [Find out more about their Green Credentials around Food, Service and 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

## 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
- We fully encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking as much as possible. If using a taxi or car, you may wish to consider 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 really necessary
- Turn off the lights and TV when leaving the room
- Select the type and amount of food during meals sensibly in order 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
- Help us increase our recycling rate by placing all waste and recyclables into the appropriate waste recycling bins
- Use only as many disposable items as you need (e.g. paper towels, napkins, utensils)

