



## Our Sustainability Pledge

Organisers of the PADiBa 2022 Symposium 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.

PADiBa 2022 supports the Sustainability Policy of the conference venue ([Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee](#)); the Drinks Reception venue (Discovery Point) and the Conference Dinner venue ([Malmaison Dundee](#)).

## Organiser

### Pre-Conference

- 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, abstract submissions, 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 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
- We will not provide delegate bags and will encourage delegates to bring their own
- 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. Our symposium banquet menu is the Local Fare choice
- 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:

- Use recyclable or reusable material for the stand construction
- Reduce unsustainable packaging and avoid using materials containing PVC
- Integrate energy-saving measures in your stand design
- 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
- Choose local partners for your needs

