

# SUSTAINING ART

People, Practice, Planet in Contemporary Art Conservation

## Our Sustainability Pledge

Organisers of Sustaining Art 2022 recognise the importance of taking care of the environment and are aware of the environmental impact of hosting a conference. We are committed to running our conference with a real focus on reducing the impact on the environment by working closely with our venues, suppliers and exhibitors to ensure environmentally-friendly policies are in place and by adopting best practices wherever possible.

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

### Pre-Conference

- We used conference calls during the planning stage to help reduce our carbon footprint by significantly reducing the travel element 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 have opted for a more digital experience by using media and electronic methods for registration and confirmation, abstract submissions, 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 Drinks Reception are a short walk from the city centre and close to all travel links and a wide range of accommodation. A coach will be used to transport delegates to the Conference Dinner venue.
- 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 seed paper and are fully biodegradable – these are to be returned to the organisers and will be used to plant beautiful summer wild flowers in a local community garden. **Please be aware, due to plant health and custom regulations, the seed paper can only be planted within the UK**
- Delegate bags - to encourage sustainable practice, delegates are advised to bring their own, reusable bag/tote bag, notepads and pens/pencils
- 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 – the conference venue serves Fairtrade coffee