

Conference Ethos 2010

A Sustainable Conference

The EAUC 14th Annual Conference will be held from 22 March to 24 March 2010. The Conference will bring together delegates from every area of campus life, from the further and higher education sectors. EAUC make conscious efforts to reduce the environmental and social impacts of our Annual Conference by the following:

- EAUC are offsetting carbon emissions from the activities related to the Annual Conference directly to the venue. This includes the whole event (including pre-event and conference dinner), travel (speakers and delegates) and accommodation as well as the venue use. This will be channelled back to the host venue to ensure the local area benefits as well as the venue. An article explaining how the host venue has utilised this fund will appear in Earth, our quarterly newsletter.
- All EAUC marketing materials are printed on 100% recycled paper.
- All conference correspondence to delegates, exhibitors, sponsors and speakers will, where practicable, be sent via e-mail and available on our website to minimise waste.
- Delegate bags are reusable and biodegradable.
- Conference information and the Conference Programme are printed double-sided on 100% recycled paper and will be provided at registration.
- Conference inserts have been prevented to minimise waste and we instead encourage delegates to use the "Bring & Share" desk to distribute their materials.
- Pens and paper will not be provided to delegates to encourage the re-use of both paper and pens. Delegates should bring notepads made from scrap paper.
- Recycling points will be available around the venue and we ask delegates to ensure that they return their badges and any unwanted materials so we can reuse and recycle these items.
- Exhibitors will be encouraged to use recycled paper for their marketing purposes.
- We encourage delegates to use public transport.
- EAUC encourage all delegates, speakers and exhibitors who must travel by car to use the EAUC Car Share scheme. Details can be found at <http://www.eaucarshare.org.uk/>
- All catering will be served using non-disposable crockery and cutlery. We avoid using bottled water where possible.
- Food waste generated by EAUC activities (teas/coffees, lunch and dinners) is joined with waste from the University and is either macerated and sent through sewage or incinerated with energy recovery.
- Fairtrade refreshments will be served where possible (refreshments).
- Organic and locally sourced food will be served where possible.
- The conference venue is self-contained to minimise the need to travel during the event.
- We aim to increase the well-being of our delegates by providing plenty of fruit and water and maximising natural daylight at the venue. Early-morning outdoor workshops are offered.
- We encourage delegates, exhibitors and contributors to give us feedback on the event.
- Bangor University has achieved the Green Dragon level 3 award which demonstrates a commitment to continual environmental improvement. They are one of the first Universities in Wales to gain this award. They are working with the local public bodies to reduce their carbon footprint; focusing on energy, waste, transport and procurement. In addition to this they have set targets for energy, CO₂ and water reduction and waste recycling by 2012.
- Bangor University reports on its carbon footprint and publish an annual environmental statement & report. They can calculate the carbon footprint of any conference/meeting that takes place at the University.
- Bangor University's Environmental Centre is housed in a new purpose-built building that demonstrates many aspects of environmental and sustainable construction, including use of locally sourced materials such as Welsh oak and slate

