

The EAUC Conference Ethos 2011

A Sustainable Conference

The EAUC 15th Annual Conference will be held from 11th April to 13th April 2011. The Conference will bring together delegates from every area of campus life, from the further and higher education sectors. We ask all delegates attending the conference to kindly read this Ethos and commit to it. We welcome ideas or suggestions of how we can improve it and encourage feedback.

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, neck straps and badges (where used) 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.
- We encourage delegates to share good practice and recommend they 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.eauccarshare.org.uk/>
- All catering will be served using non-disposable crockery and cutlery. We avoid using bottled water where possible.
- The majority of food waste generated by EAUC activities (teas/coffees, lunches and dinners) is joined with waste from the University and is macerated and sent through sewage. The University of York manages to recycle 56% of all their waste.
- Fairtrade tea and coffee and caffeine alternatives will be served where possible.
- The EAUC promote the use of seasonal food and local food suppliers: The majority of York's meat, poultry, fish, fruit & vegetables are fresh, seasonal produce sourced from suppliers based in the Yorkshire & Humberside region.
- 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. These may include a cycle or walking tour of the campus and its landscaped grounds.
- The EAUC work closely with the venue - York Conferences/University of York - to promote sustainability initiatives (refer to the “York Conferences/University of York Sustainability Ethos 2011”).