**Sustainable Event Policy**

**Channel Islands Sustainability Conference**

Our sustainable event policy, guided by the UN SDGs, ensures that the team, venues, sponsors, suppliers, and attendees are all on the same page regarding how we are planning to proceed with a sustainable conference.

We define sustainability as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This requires us to think about people, planet and prosperity for all.



**1. We will offset the carbon emissions of travel for all speaker participants with high quality carbon offset purchase.** Look at options for the reduction of on island travel and the reduction of connectivity travel.

**2. Supporting the local community and local suppliers**

We will use the conference in both islands to showcase local sustainability expertise and initiatives and showcase local suppliers. Source vegetarian options (no meat) where possible.

**3. Provide eco-friendly & safe event transportation options**

We will let our guests know that there will be limited on-site parking and give them a list of alternative ways to travel to the venue. e.g., bus, bike, car sharing and electric taxi service where available.

**4. Maximise the speaker expertise for the benefit of the wider community.**

We will make all efforts to provide access to speakers expertise on the day of the conference by:

* Organising Third sector and public sector focused events in the morning before the conference to ensure those that may not have the funds to attend can access the expertise available.
* Ensure that between 5 and 10 tickets at each event are made available to key stakeholders and influencers within the public or third sector.
* Facilitate a CPD session for on island sustainability advocates and practitioners to support their development recognising the important role they have om upskilling the island.

**5. Sustainable catering**

We will request that the caterers aid our sustainability goals by sourcing seasonal, local food items, implementing a waste reduction plan, donating leftover food etc. We will provide water which is filtered on site on the tables.

**6. Liaise with all event suppliers to apply waste hierarchy prioritisation.**

Minimise as far as is possible the provision of event supplies. Where they are unavoidable, we will use sustainable event supplies that can be recycled, reused, up cycled, or composted.

**7. Ensure equal gender representation on stage at each conference.**

**8. Minimise the use of paper by choosing digital alternatives**

We will offer a tech-driven experience:

* Mobile ticketing.
* Digital table plan.
* Digital programme.
* Encourage attendees to take notes on their phones, laptops, or tablets.
* Send presenter slides post-event via email.
* Email post-event evaluation surveys.

**9. Event venues**

Handpicked Hotels are one of our event sponsors and have been chosen as event venues in Guernsey and Jersey. The organisers of the event commit to supporting the hotel management in considering the sustainability of their venues and operations as they relate to these events through the provision of pro-bono support.

**10. Share successes**

We will share details by writing a social media post, or creating a blog listing our successes, to inspire others to follow suit.