

## **IET Communities and Events environmental statement**

**IET** is committed to having an environmentally responsible event portfolio and we are working hard to plan and implement events which reflect sustainable event best practices.

The key actions being undertaken are:

### **Venues**

**IET** is only selecting venues that can demonstrate environmental best practices. We are working together with venues to achieve the following environmental objectives:

- Zero food waste
- No single use plastics
- Recycling/re-use of paper, metal, plastic and glass
- Energy consumption monitoring
- Renewable energy supply
- Direct emission control
- Carbon offsetting where appropriate

Preference should be given to choosing a low carbon, energy efficient building which is conveniently located and accessible by public transport and close to hotels that also offer excellent sustainable credentials.

### **Event Material**

**IET** is committed to reducing printing and other physical resources as much as possible. This will include the distribution of speakers' presentations, event information, tickets, joining instructions, conference bags, flyers, etc. If essential any printed matter will be printed on recycled paper and vegetable-based inks.

Event bags and/or any other items which may be distributed to the delegates will follow green best practices and will include materials made of natural fibres which can be recycled and are biodegradable.

We encourage our sponsors to also distribute their promotional material in a paperless manner and/or on recycled paper.

### **People Transportation**

#### **Staff**

Careful consideration will be given to the selection of staff for the event. The number of staff will be appropriate in number to ensure the running of the event and well-being of the staff. Every effort will be made to use public transport and sharing cars. Efforts to avoid air travel will be made.

#### **Delegates, sponsors and exhibitors**

**IET** will encourage participants to find the most environmentally friendly way travel to the venue. This may include taking public transportation, sharing cars or using trains or coaches. Details will be put on **IET** event websites giving the most sustainable ways of getting to the event venues. For local travel in cities walking routes and bike hire schemes will be sourced.

In cases where there is little alternative to flying, there are a number of airlines who automatically contribute to carbon offsetting projects when flying with them. By 2021, all airlines which fly internationally will be obliged to do the same and offset any extra emissions under the UN's Corsia Agreement (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation). **IET** will ensure that delegates and staff are encouraged to use airlines which offset their own carbon footprint.

### **Carbon Neutral Event**

**IET's** aim is to produce a carbon neutral event portfolio.

Following strategies to further reduce the environmental impact of the event, the **IET** aims to offset what cannot be eliminated. (Carbon offset partner to be sourced and financial viability to be investigated further)