



# GREENER EVENTS at Dynamic Earth

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# OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT

As the face of public engagement about climate change, it is vital Dynamic Earth 'walks the walk' by reducing our own carbon impact.

We are proudly supported by the Green Tourism Business Scheme and are delighted to hold a Gold Green Tourism Rating since 2011, this award is the highest achievement that is considered outstanding and inspirational.

We have signed up to the SME Climate Hub Race to Zero initiative and have pledged a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030. Dynamic Earth continues to respond to any legislative requirements and Government-led targets.

Established in 2009 our Green Team work closely with all our staff to continually reduce energy consumption, waste and water use. Our sustainability commitments extend further, supporting locally sourced produce for our café, catering and shop working closely with fair trade and local suppliers. We support our visitors to make positive sustainable choices, for example by eliminating single use plastic, providing ethical food options and promoting sustainable transport options and providing e-charging points.



# EVENT PLANNING



As a charity, every penny we earn goes towards celebrating extraordinary Earth and educating people on how we can take best care of it. So events hosted at Dynamic Earth help to support our mission 'to empower people with understanding and empathy for the Earth' and contribute to the fight to overcome the biggest challenges facing our planet.

Our proposal documents, contracts, invoices and receipts are all electronic thus eliminating the need for paper copies.

We only have digital copies of brochures and flyers. Any print material required is provided by a Woodland Trust accredited supplier.

When we meet with clients for site visits or meetings we use iPads or laptops to take notes. All team members have access to platforms facilitating remote meetings.

Virtual tours are available of our venues for clients based further afield.

All events hosted at Dynamic Earth are organised on an electronic planner meaning files are accessible from any device eliminating the need to print event information for the team.

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE



We offer a large varied menu selection including fully vegan menus giving clients the opportunity to further reduce the carbon impact of their event. Seasonal dinner menus are also available (Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter)

Our coffee suppliers partner with World Land Trust to supply our Fairtrade coffee served at all our events.

We try to work with local suppliers as much as possible, recently we partnered with local brewery, Stewart Brewing to create our branded Dynamic Ale. Additionally on our bar we offer the climate positive Arbiekie Highland Estate Nadar Vodka made from peas!

Our tableware is all reusable, stainless steel cutlery, china crockery and glassware. At larger events our 'Hydration Stations' provide compostable PCA Vegware cups.

No single use plastic is used during events.

Jugs of water and glasses are available for round table events.

Hydration stations are available where delegates can conveniently refill their reusable bottles encouraging ecological responsibility

# EVENT OPERATIONS

All lighting in the building has been switched to LED

We have installed an LED coloured lighting system in our Stratosphere to provide guests with opportunity to enhance or brand their event in an eco friendly way.

Our outside terrace and picnic benches are available throughout all our events to promote delegate wellbeing

Our canopy and large glass windows provide plenty of natural light throughout the day therefore limiting the need for us to keep the lights on!

No stationery is offered at events.

Flipcharts are only available on request to minimise usage.

We partner with a local company to enable hybrid and video conferencing for remote events which can hugely increase participation and engagement of an event.

All taps in our bathrooms are sensor activated this reducing water wastage

Our recently installed de-stratification fan on the Stratosphere helps maintain a comfortable room temperature and reduces reliance on our heating system.



# RECYCLING

At Dynamic Earth we are keen to fully support a circular economy.

All our waste is recycled by our partners NWH and Keenans.

**Glass** – Transformed into material for water filtration

**Cardboard, Plastic and Aluminium** - transformed into new products such as toilet rolls, containers and cans

**General Waste** - Transformed into Energy to power homes & businesses

**Food Waste** – Converted into Biofuel and then renewable energy

All our used cooking oil is uplifted by Olleco. All collected oil is then either recycled or converted into renewable energy.

Our Technical team are adept at repurposing components of older interactives' and equipment in our visitor attraction into new projects.

We encourage guests to recycle with bins in all our public areas and all our cleaning products are plant based and 100% biodegradable.



# DELEGATE TRAVEL

We ask delegates to please consider their environmental impact when choosing how to travel to Dynamic Earth.

Situated at the foot of Arthur's Seat and adjacent to the Scottish Parliament and Palace of Holyroodhouse, Dynamic Earth is centrally located with a wide number of sustainable travel links.

<https://dynamicearth.org.uk/plan-your-visit/getting-here/>

We have 6 EV parking bays available within our carpark

Bike racks are also available onsite

We also encourage guests to further explore the local area with information on Arthurs Seat and Holyrood Park. Get active and follow one of the HES recommended walking routes or hire some bikes! Links on our website.



# INSPIRE YOUR DELEGATES

For an out of this world experience enjoy Edinburgh's only planetarium, with a 360-degree viewing screen and immersive surround sound.

Include a visit to the planetarium in your event and empower your guests with understanding and empathy for the planet.

## ***Don't Panic!* - 25-min, presenter-led show**

In this show we take a look at the history of life on Earth and explore the reasons for two of the most significant mass extinction events in the past 300 million years. We then look at the rapid changes occurring due to human activity whilst always remembering: Don't Panic!

## ***We Are Guardians* - 25-min full dome film**

In this film from NSC Creative we explore the health of the myriad ecosystems of our home planet. Learn how we use satellites to monitor the changes that are occurring globally today and highlight some of the many ways in which we can give nature a helping hand.



# JOIN OUR MISSION BY HOSTING YOUR NEXT EVENT AT DYNAMIC EARTH!

Dynamic Earth is the UK's leading environmental science engagement charity. We're on a mission to empower everyone with understanding and empathy for the Earth, driven by a positive belief that people of all ages and backgrounds can be the problem solvers of the future.

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