

Business Design Centre Sustainability Policy

2019 – 2020

Business Design Centre (BDC) is a leading multi-purpose venue that welcomes over 900,000 visitors and over 250 events a year as well as being home to over 100 permanent businesses. The company holds its social responsibilities at the very heart of everything it does and is committed to both the safe and responsible operating of all areas of the business.

The BDC has been operating as a Carbon Neutral® Venue since January 1st 2010 and prides itself on the 0% to landfill policy, which has been adhered to for a number of years. We are however, committed to continuous improvement on our environmental impact and are working closely with our venue partners and customers in providing solutions that both businesses within the building and the events that take place with us can benefit from.



Our Commitments to Sustainability

Removal of Single Use Plastics

We are currently removing all plastic bottles and other single use plastic items from sale in collaboration with our catering partner The Good Eating Company. Still and sparkling speaker water is refilled on site using glass bottles from our in house filtration system. Refillable water stations throughout the venue offer free chilled, filtered water.

Plastic Free Catering

The Good Eating Company now provide a plastic free catering service. Where required, cutlery and crockery is either reusable or made from compostable products. Discounted hot drinks are available in the onsite restaurant Jack's when guests bring their own reusable cups or containers.

Donate Not Waste Scheme

Our great links in the area with schools and charities ensure that there are always people who will be happy to receive anything that can be used again. This means everything from card, paper, fabric and textiles to boxes, bottles, stationery, ex-display materials... and more. The team can take this off your hands before it goes to waste when arranged ahead of an event.

No Waste to Landfill

Waste that can't be donated or reused will be recycled or responsibly incinerated and turned into energy. We work closely with Islington Council to ensure that our waste goes nowhere else.

Cycle Storage & Electric Charging Points

Secure bicycle storage is available in the car park for cyclists to use free of charge, as are charging points for electric vehicles.

Shower Facilities

Showers are available for all venue guests to use to freshen up before their visit. Additional facilities are being installed in the year ahead.

Energy Reduction

All venue lighting is low energy lighting including fittings across all exhibition stands. Our commitment to future fit-outs in the venue's office spaces and showrooms will all be done to the same specifications and areas around the venue are fitted with motion sensors.

As a venue we understand that a bi-product of successful operations will mean an impact on our environment, however we also have the opportunity to educate all those who enter the doors of our building. We will continue to work with our team, customers, tenants, visitors and wider industry, to ensure that this impact is positive and promotes change for the better. We will continue to measure and improve our sustainability performance across all areas of the business as a part of our ongoing core objective supporting positive corporate social responsibility.

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CEO, Business Design Centre