

Kings Place Events Sustainability Factsheet

Kings Place Events is committed to leading the industry in minimising the impact of its activities on the environment through a range of initiatives and design of the venue. Kings Place has been planned, from the beginning, as an environmentally sustainable development. Efficiency is not achieved through add-ons, but from first principles.

Our core values at Kings Place are about making a positive and lasting change in the way we use natural resources and impact our environment. We achieve these values through:-

Venue Design:

- The Wavy glass front façade is a key contributor to the buildings good environmental performance.
- The Oak Wood in our main auditoria is made from sustainable wood sourced from a single tree that was naturally felled. Saplings were planted to replace this single tree.
- The Atrium design allows for ample natural daylight to flow into the public spaces and reducing the need for additional lighting.
- Sustainable materials were used in construction of the entire venue.
- Electrical demand is reduced through the use of high performance lighting, high efficiency motors and large distribution systems.
- An area of 'green' roof has been installed to enhance the ecology of the scheme and to encourage bird and invertebrate species. Bird and bat boxes have been introduced on the roof.

Sustainable and Ethical Procurement:

- Where possible, we only use local producers (by local we mean within the UK) as opposed to importing goods.
- Our producer or supplier must have a genuine passion for what they do, be knowledgeable, direct and complimentary to our business
- Our suppliers must be transparent in the information they provide us so we can pass on exact details to our customers allowing them to make informed choices on the food they are purchasing
- Our suppliers must avoid purchasing or supplying produce or services that have been created using processes known to damage the environment
- Our suppliers must be prepared to work with us on reducing the impact we have on the environment and offering up solutions on how this can be achieved.

Seasonal Food:

- By owning our own farm Kings Place Events is able to drastically reduce its carbon foot print and provide fresh seasonal foods simultaneously
- Our food requirements are simple. We look for seasonal, indigenous, well managed crops and cattle. In fact our beef and lamb comes from a single source in Northumberland and we operate a farm to fork system whereby the animals are slaughtered on demand and transported straight to Kings Place for maturing in our specially built ageing room. They are butchered on site to allow us total control.
- The benefits of using seasonal produce are well documented. Not only does it taste better, it is nutritionally superior to food which has been stored for lengthy periods, is generally cheaper and has far less negative environmental impact.

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Social responsibility:

- Where possible, we aim to work with the local community, charities and educational institutions where our skills and knowledge will benefit those organizations. We will offer work experience for school leavers, educational input and voluntary assistance if required.
- Kings Place Events and our parent company Green & Fortune support the charity program Street smart. We have chosen a local charity – C4WS. The charity provides hospitality, food and warmth for 14 men or women in the local area.
- The Kings Place Music Foundation manages an outreach project that aims to provide access to quality events, opportunities to participate in events as well as opportunities to engage with and learn from leading artists and musicians.

Transportation:

- Kings Place's location and proximity to three major transport hubs (Kings Cross, St. Pancras and Euston) make it an accessible and sustainable venue to host events.
- With a combination of overland and underground connections at these stations, guests can use public transport when visiting Kings Place.
- Kings Place provides cycling bays for visitors and showering facilities to promote cycle use.

Communications:

- We endeavour to use electronic communications before any other traditional mediums thus ensuring efficiency
- Double sided printing and low use of colour printing.
- All marketing collateral accessible in digital format.
- Recycling of Printer cartridges.

General Waste:

- All our waste is compacted, collected by an external party where it is processed by and used to produce heat and electricity

Cardboard and Paper:

- We supply special recycling boxes around the building to ensure that all our cardboard and paper is recycled.
- All our paper and cardboard is collected by a recognised recycler.

Glass:

- All our glass is collected and crushed to form a part of the resurfacing aggregate substitute on the M3 Motorway.

Plastics, other materials and waste:

- We endeavour to recycle all waste materials and ensure that we enforce our environmental policy throughout the property.

Energy rating:

- Kings Place has a 'Very Good' Rating in the BREEM rating for buildings
- Kings Place scores B 47 out of 50 in the Energy Performance Certificate