
GLA Sustainable Events Policy

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The Mayor of London is committed to tackling the climate emergency, with the aim for London to reach net zero by 2030. London is one of the most multi-cultural cities in the world and Londoners enjoy celebrating a wide range of events across GLA spaces. Therefore, the GLA recognises its responsibility to ensure its events are sustainable, so we can lead by example.

We aim for all GLA events to enhance social value in London, whilst minimising any negative impacts on the environment. This commitment applies to all stages of event management, from our initial ideas through to post-event activities. The scope of this policy comprises events led by the GLA, and GLA supported events. The majority of these events are held in City Hall and Trafalgar Square.

The aim and vision of the GLA is to provide an inspirational citywide experience for everyone participating in the Mayor's event programme. This vision and the strategic objectives are supported by the principles of sustainable development - inclusivity, integrity, stewardship, transparency and legacy.

The GLA is committed to reviewing and improving the overall environmental and economic impact of events.

Objectives:

- Use energy efficiently whilst maximising the use of low- and zero-carbon energy, in order to minimise greenhouse gas emissions.
- Minimise the use of diesel generators, using mains electricity where possible. Where generators are unavoidable, ensure they comply with the latest regulations for [Non-Road Mobile Machinery](#), in order to minimise their impact on local air quality.
- Reduce waste produced by minimising consumption (particularly avoiding single-use plastics), using resources efficiently, increasing reuse and recycling, and using refurbished, recycled and recyclable equipment, products and materials from accredited sustainable sources.
- Promote sustainable travel among visitors, staff and contractors attending the venue, and for goods deliveries.
- Ensure responsible use of water and water efficiency.
- Ensure that food and catering products are ethically sourced and produced to good sustainability and animal-welfare standards. Ensure menus are inclusive and include plant-based and vegetarian options.
- Promote and encourage equality, diversity and inclusion, ensuring events delivered are accessible, inclusive and appropriate – both for events audiences, and employees delivering the events.
- Protect the infrastructure of venues and preserve our national heritage.
- Ensure that direct employees are paid the London Living Wage and take steps to promote this rate of pay for all event staff. Ensure exploitative zero-hours contracts are not used.
- Ensure event content promotes sustainability where relevant.

The GLA will ensure delivery through the following measures:

- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- Work closely with GLA staff, contractors, supply chain and other key stakeholders to ensure sustainability principles are integrated into event management.
- Review practices to ensure we meet our sustainability responsibilities and act as an exemplar.
- Ensure adequate resources are in place to deliver against the objectives and commit to continual improvement.
- Continue to achieve a positive legacy.
- Monitor performance against this policy, including environmental and social impact, to drive forward continual improvement.

The GLA is committed to periodic review of this policy.

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