

Change Makers Conference

A GREENER CONFERENCE.

A partnership between The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon and MA Festive Arts (University of Limerick)

Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick, V94 F7XW

Friday 14th February 2020

9.30am -5pm

The Arts Council's new three year plan 2020-22 (informed by its strategy Making Great Art Work) outlines a commitment to developing environmental policies in the work that we undertake.

In support of this strategy the CHANGE MAKERS conference will adopt the following approaches to reduce its environmental impact and conduct an evaluation post event.

Venue and Transport.

The Arts Council will encourage and incentivise conference attendees to use public transport and will select a venue with public transport links.

The Arts Council will encourage and support car pooling and private transport sharing to attend the conference as well as the use of electric vehicles.

For international visitors (where possible) the Arts Council will provide the option of slow travel - where this is not possible, carbon offsetting measures will be employed (see below) or virtual attendance.

Accommodation.

For those over-nighting the Arts Council will select local providers in close proximity to the venue (walking distance) with a commitment to environmentally friendly practices.

Food and Catering.

The Arts Council will provide locally sourced food to reduce emissions used during transportation.

The Arts Council will ensure the catering provider avoids the use of plastics and non-recyclable materials and has a commitment to the reduction of food waste.

Materials and Waste.

Through the approach of reduce-reuse-recycle, the Arts Council will minimise waste and prioritise sustainable solutions. This includes reduction in paper printing, taking smart approaches to design to ensure reuse of any materials and ensuring there are recycling stations at the conference venue.

Vendors and Contributors.

The Arts Council will introduce guidelines for contributors and vendors will outline that sustainability is a shared value. The Arts Council will create a brief guide that includes all prohibited materials, and encourages aspects of reducing, re-using, recycling, to encourage environmentally friendly actions during the conference.

Cloud-based Platforms (CBP) and virtual attendance.

CBP's will be used in event management and coordination to ensure the event is committed to paper reduction and sustainability practices. Web-based communication platforms such as Skype, FaceTime, YouTube/Facebook live streaming will be used to provide broader access to the event and to reduce carbon emissions through travel.