

Our Sustainability Pledge

Owen James Events

Sustainability Report 2022-2023

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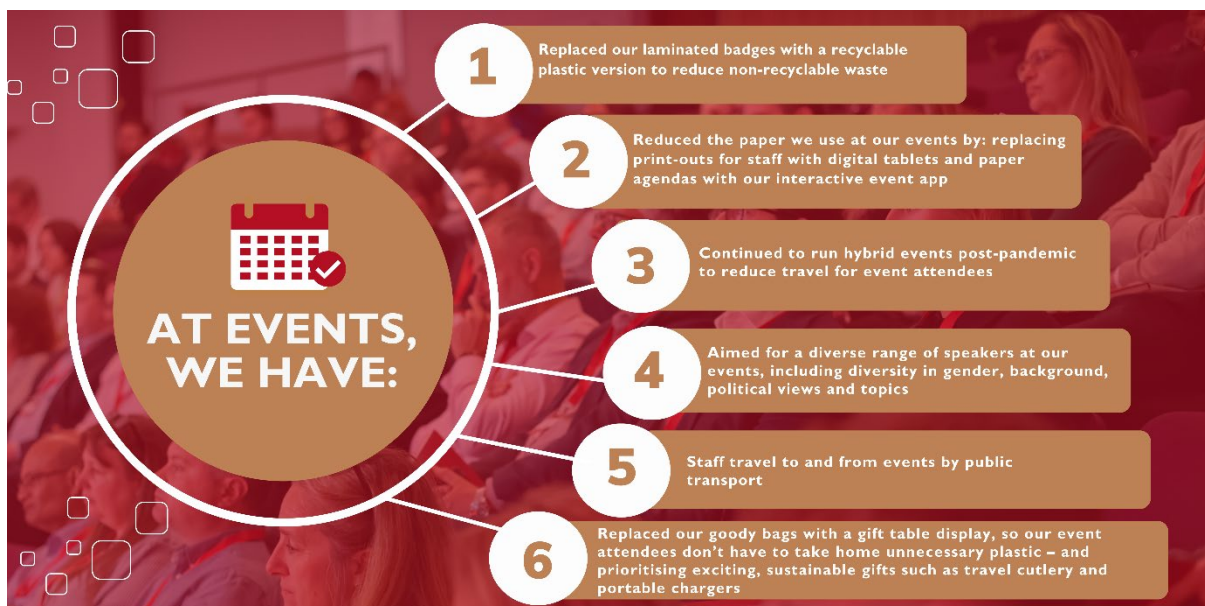
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Why is sustainability at events so important?

At Owen James Events we understand the importance of sustainability in all aspects of our operations, including small events. We are committed to minimizing our environmental impact and promoting responsible practices to create memorable events that align with our values. Through our sustainability pledge, we aim to inspire positive change and contribute to a more sustainable future.

What have we done this year?

Over the past year we have made many small changes to how we run our events and how we work in the office, to kick start our sustainability efforts.



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In the office, we have:



Promoted sustainability in the workplace by adopting the chrome extension Ecosia, which plants trees as you search the web



Continued with our hybrid model of working for all staff to reduce travel costs and emissions



Worked in coworking spaces – sharing an office is more sustainable as we are a small company and do not need to power an entire office just for our team



Encouraged the team to print less in the office and opt for digital solutions where possible

Our goals for 2023-2024

Supply Chain Management

Over the past year we have been collating information from our suppliers on ethics, sustainability and particularly their commitment to the Modern Slavery Act. We are developing a risk assessment across our network to establish suppliers we will continue working with next year and where we need to make improvements, and we will be publishing this as a report on our website, along with our own Modern Slavery report detailing our own practices, in early 2024.

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Waste Management

There are three main areas of waste management we would like to improve upon at our events:

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By 2024, everything we use at our events will be reusable or recyclable

- FOOD WASTE**
By cutting down the number of wasted plates by establishing more accurate catering numbers, and by donating leftover food where possible
- NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC**
Over the next two years we aim to completely eliminate single-use plastic from our events including: wrapping for event items and gifts, badges and event materials, and plastic waste from food
- RECYCLING PROCESSES**
We would like to ensure that the recycling we produce at our events is properly processed, either by the venues we use or at our offices

Carbon emissions

We are looking to work with a few new partners to offset travel emissions and other emissions we are not able to reduce at this stage, while continuing to build a sustainability framework to keep reducing the carbon produced at our events.

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Long-term goals for Owen James

Our main goal for the next decade is to reach Net Zero Carbon by 2030. The process for this will be as follows:

Timeline	Goal
2022-2024	To make small changes within our events and the office to reduce our carbon production such as travel, waste, and calculating our carbon footprint.
2024 – 2027	To make larger, systematic changes such as energy, software and business structure.
2027 – 2030	Partnering with organisations to offset and find innovative ways to eliminate the last of our carbon emissions to reach net zero by 2030.

Get In Touch

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