

DTAS Annual Conference 2026
DTAS Environmental Statement





Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) Environmental Strategy commits to evaluating our procurement process and take forward suppliers that provide products and services which align with our environmental policy, particularly in relation to carbon emissions, reducing energy consumption, and minimising waste. This applies to all partners involved in the DTAS Annual Conference 2026.

DTAS has done a lot of work to advance the environmental strategy, this includes building a detailed understanding of the carbon emissions associated with the organisation's operations. We have committed to evaluating the carbon footprint for the DTAS Annual Conference by 2027. See our [Carbon Reduction Plan](#) for details.

While we're unable to do a full evaluation of the DTAS Annual Conference's carbon footprint this year, we are still committed to having an environmentally responsible event and we are working closely with our partners to plan and implement an event which will reflect best practices.

Venue

This year's event is taking place at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU). The GCU has committed to carbon neutrality by 2040, and have their own [environmental policy](#).

The GCU ranks first in Scotland in the People and Planet University League for 2025 – 2026 for the second year in a row, the only comprehensive and independent league table of UK universities ranked by environmental and ethical performance. [You can read more here.](#)

Specific measures implemented at venue:

- Catering provided at the Glasgow Caledonian University 100% vegetarian/vegan
- Water fountains are located across the venue and delegates are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles
- Marketplace stall holders asked to use [Green Courier](#) for the delivery of materials

Glasgow Caledonian University have received a Food for Life Served Here Silver Certification from the Soil Association Scotland – [read more here.](#)

Distribution of Event Material

We are committed to going paperless as much as possible, including the distribution of event information. Any items which may be distributed to the delegates will use recycled and biodegradable materials.

We encourage our sponsors and marketplace holders to distribute their promotional material in a paperless manner and/or on recycled paper where possible.

Travel

We have purposefully selected a venue that has good transport links. All attendees (delegates, staff and partners) are encouraged to find the most environmentally friendly way to come to the venue. This may include taking public transport and sharing car rides.

How to get to the [Glasgow Caledonian University](#).



Caroster – Liftshare platform

In a bid to reduce the environmental impact of our events, we are encouraging attendees to liftshare wherever possible.

We have [set up a private lift share page on Caroster](#) for the DTAS Annual Conference 2026. You can use this page to advertise your driving route as a passenger or a driver. Once you've advertised your route, others travelling a similar route can request to share.

Why not reduce your carbon footprint, and network while you do it?

Carbon Emissions

All activities related to the event create a carbon (CO₂e) footprint, including:

- Direct emissions from the venue (energy usage, catering)
- Transportation of staff, partners and attendees to and from the venue
- Emissions associated with disposal of waste products

While we're unable to do a full evaluation of the DTAS Annual Conference's carbon footprint this year, as part of the event feedback form we will be asking delegates for travel information in order to gain a better understanding of delegates' travel patterns as we anticipate this to be the main source of the event's carbon emissions.

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