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Leeds Sustainable Conferencing

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Choosing **Leeds** for your next event means choosing a city that is working to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce pollution and noise, promote cycling, walking and use of public transport and building a sustainable infrastructure for the future.

As the Conference Bureau for Leeds we are committed to supporting the pledge in the following ways...

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Reducing carbon emissions by walking and using public transport for site visits, familiarisation trips when in our city and when visiting other destinations for business events

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Supporting Leeds hotels and venues with their green credentials

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Supporting event organisers to organise exceptional events in Leeds that are low carbon and sustainable. [Click here to read a helpful guide to sustainable events planning](#)

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LONDON NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Delighted to be working in partnership with LNER providing discounted rail travel to delegates attending conferences in the city.

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Eliminating printed promotional materials

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Encourage delegates to enjoy their time in the city in a more sustainable way

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Proud member of the GDS Movement

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Working in partnership with local organisations to support conference organisers with event **legacy projects.**

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Leeds City Council has officially been named as **Green Council of the Year 2025** awarded by Nature 2030 campaign



Established in 2017, **Leeds Climate Commission** was the first UK city climate commission. An independent voice providing policy advice and actions to create a climate resilient city.

More than £60 million projects to improve energy efficiency in housing have now completed, benefiting thousands of residents with healthier, more comfortable homes that are cheaper to keep warm.

Leeds' greenhouse gas emissions have **decreased by 38%** since 2005, from 6.3 to 3.9 million tonnes of carbon. The council's own carbon footprint has shrunk by nearly two-thirds (63%) over a similar period.

Leeds is investing **£100m+** retrofitting thousands of social housing properties with sustainable heating and energy efficiency measures by 2025. The city is retrofitting and providing heating and energy upgrades across schools, leisure centres and civic buildings to save nearly **4,000 tonnes of carbon**.

Leeds PIPES is an award winning **£70 million** district heating network providing affordable waste-powered heat and hot water to homes and businesses across the inner city reusing heat which is already being produced at Leeds's Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF). **6,500 tonnes** of CO2 was saved in 2024/25.



Leeds is a **Fairtrade City**

Leeds City Council has committed to contribute to the regional White Rose Forest by **planting 50 hectares** every year.

Leeds **graded A-for climate action** by the Carbon Disclosure Project. Leeds is one of 119 global 'A-list' cities leading the way on climate action, recognising the robustness of Leeds' plans to tackle and adapt to climate change.

Over **24,000 hours** of community and corporate volunteer time donated to help improve the city's parks and green spaces.

Leeds City Council has the **largest fleet** of electric vehicles of all the local authorities in the UK and it is still growing.

Leeds is recognised as a **Tree City of The World**, a global network of cities recognised for their commitment towards the planting, protection, and maintenance of trees.



Leeds has a vision to become a city where residents don't need to own a car. Transforming the public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure in Leeds through a **£270 million** investment. The target is to **reduce greenhouse gas emission by 43% in 2030.**

Leeds is ranked **43rd in The Arcadis Sustainable Cities Index 2024**. The Index ranks 100 global cities on three pillars of sustainability: Planet (environmental), People (social), and Profit (economic).

19 hotels and venues with industry recognised green credentials.

Leeds City Bikes: a **fully electric public bike hire** service with **300+ cycles available** to hire with conveniently located docking stations across the city.

Aire Park, a new development of green space in Leeds, has hopes to become **the UK's largest new city centre green space**.

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