

UCH Environmental Policy



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University Concert Hall (UCH) is mindful of its carbon footprint and environmental impact on the City and Region, and we strive to consistently implement processes that reduce our impact and improve sustainability across the venue.

For environmental purposes, UCH is responsible for the UCH auditorium, atrium (including the Box Office and Bar), dressing rooms and backstage areas, FB-028 and FG-042 lecture theatres, and entry and exit points, during events. Outside of event hours, all areas apart from backstage and dressing rooms are managed by University of Limerick (UL). UL is also responsible for all outdoor areas of the campus. Allegro restaurant is operated by Aramark, a third-party hospitality company which is governed by its own environmental policy.

Printing & Ticketing

We keep print runs of event flyers to a minimum, and focus more on issuing details via our online social media channels, website, and email distribution lists. We have also made our periodic printed brochure of events available in full online, and reduced the number that we print and distribute.

We have reduced the number of printed programmes made available during concerts, and where possible have stopped printing them at all, instead displaying QR codes in the atrium so that customers can read programmes online.

We encourage all customers to opt for digital tickets, to reduce the number of tickets that are printed and posted. The vast majority of tickets are now emailed. To make this option even easier for customers, UCH tickets are displayed in the body of the booking confirmation email, and can be saved to Google or Apple wallets.

Where possible, we print our branded material, such as banners and branded merchandise, without dates so that they can be reused.

Waste & Hospitality

We aim to keep any waste produced to a minimum when providing catering for artists. For example, performers are encouraged to refill and reuse water bottles, and we avoid single-use plates, glasses, cutlery etc.

Generally, drinks are served from the Bar in regular glassware, and drinks are not allowed into the auditorium, eliminating the need for single use plastic cups. We have introduced reusable

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plastic cups to our Bar for UCH-managed events where alcohol is allowed into the auditorium. These are given to customers on payment of a deposit, which is refunded when the cup is returned to the Bar. This reduces single use plastic. The cups are branded, with a QR code linking to the *What's On* page on the UCH website, again encouraging customers to browse events online rather than taking a printed brochure.

Mixed recycling bins are available throughout the venue. Staff collect rubbish after each event, and recycle as much as possible. Cans and plastic bottle are collected to be brought to a Re-Turn point. We ensure to use the correct waste bags in each bin, to allow efficient separation of rubbish. WEEE and battery bins are also available and used appropriately by staff.

Lighting & Equipment

UCH has replaced all older stage lighting, and has fully transitioned to more energy-efficient LED lighting for our entire stage lighting system. We continually strive to find ways to improve energy efficiency across our staging equipment.

UCH two-way radios operate on rechargeable batteries, and we aim to use rechargeable batteries for other equipment, including microphones and wireless speakers, wherever possible.

Travel & Transport

UCH Staff engaging in business-related travel are strongly encouraged to use public transport or carpool.

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