



greener events checklist

This checklist offers a few pointers to help reduce the environmental impact of your fundraiser for Surfers Against Sewage.

The Venue

Need a venue for your fundraiser – consider these points before you book anywhere

- Ask potential venues for their in-house environmental policy and if possible choose a venue that is interested in doing more to become green / sustainable, and let them know that this is the reason why you selected them.
- Choose a venue that is easily accessible by public transport. If everyone travelled to your fundraiser on the bus it could seriously cut down carbon emissions.

Travel

- Take measures to reduce the CO2 emissions from people travelling to your fundraiser, i.e. provide information about local public transport to encourage its use and where appropriate promote car sharing.
- If the fundraiser involves travelling, try your best to use alternative transport measures to reduce CO2 emissions e.g. use a train rather than a plane

Food

If there will be food available at your fundraiser please think about the following points...

- Plan food using seasonal and local produce and use organic produce wherever possible
- Plan how much food you will need carefully to avoid unnecessary waste
- Make sure that any tea or coffee available is Fair Trade and provide tap water as an alternative (if you must use bottled water, make sure its local)

Reducing Waste (& costs)

- Use websites and emailing lists to promote your fundraiser to avoid wasting paper – we can help with this by promoting the fundraiser on the SAS website www.sas.org.uk - just email us at info@sas.org.uk to let us know about your fundraiser. If posters and other printed materials are required, get them printed on 100% post consumer waste paper.
- If possible plan your fundraiser in the day or outside, making use of natural light over electric lighting
- If possible arrange for recycling bins to be available at your fundraiser
- Try to minimise any unnecessary lighting, heating or air conditioning

If you are interested in reducing your carbon footprint in your day to day life check out the SAS '[How green a surf warrior are you?](#)' game. Learn about how the things you do impacts on the environment and find out what you can do to reduce your impact!