



**KILKENNY
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HOTEL

GREEN MEETINGS CHARTER





Our commitment at the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel to the responsibility of advancing environmental action for our planet and our community is at the heart of our values.

Our aim is to understand, control, monitor and reduce our use of water and energy as well as reducing our production of waste.

We have implemented a number of actions within the hotel and each of our department heads lead their team on fostering and embracing these values.

We do hope that during your visit that you will assist us on our journey.

OUR GREEN MEETING GUARANTEE

We guarantee that your event is organised in a socially and environmentally responsible way.



TRANSPORT



ACCOMMODATION



CATERING



STAGE, AV & LIGHTING



RESPONSIBLE EVENT
CONSUMPTION



ENTERTAINMENT
AND ACTIVITIES



CARBON OFF
SETTING



PARTNERSHIPS

We have all aspects of energy consumption, general waste, and recycling well taken care of!

TRANSPORT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We promote onsite (Irish Rail, Bus Eireann, Luas, Dublin Bus). Event finishes before last bus/train.

DRIVING

We recommend the use of the 5 x 22kw AC EV Chargers in The Ormonde Car Park across from our hotel. We promote car pooling.

CYCLING

ESB e-bikes are available for public hire in the train station. Bolt e-bikes are available to hire at various locations throughout the city.

TAXI

Our nominated taxi service offers electric cars.



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ACCOMMODATION

We are committed to reducing our environmental footprint by implementing various initiatives. Here are some steps we are taking, from the overall management of our building to the daily maintenance and operations in the hotel.

We offer linen/towel change every 3 days or on request.	All our energy is obtained from renewable sources.	Corridor motion sensors turn off lights when not in use.
We use refillable bathroom toiletries, rather than smaller single use toiletries.	All hotel room lighting is LED. LEDs are proven to use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.	We have targets in place for our energy, waste and water consumption.
We close windows when heating is on.	We use biodegradable and non-toxic cleaning products.	All our waste is seperated.

CATERING

- Our coffee and tea are Fairtrade.
- We use reusable water jugs/bottles.
- We use local and seasonal products.
- Healthy break options available (fruit skewers, smoothies and others).
- In effort to avoid food wastage, we cater for exact numbers.
- We avoid the use of disposable items such as cups, plates and tableware.
- We offer vegetarian and vegan options - promoting more plant-based products.
- We promote the use of organic products.
- There are recycling facilities available for customers via reception.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

- We work with a dedicated Waste Management Company to assist us in reducing what we send to landfill.
- Our progress is measured by report monthly when we meet as a team to review and put plans in place for improvement.
- We manage and separate our waste, ensuring we are correctly recycling within the individual departments in the hotel.
- We have compactors onsite to ensure we are maximising space; we also have cardboard balers to ensure all delivery waste is disposed of correctly.
- We separate all glass bottles for returns and recycling.
- All plastic bottles are retained to be disposed of correctly as part of the new deposit return scheme.
- We partner with WeCan.ie to help make the world a better, more inclusive, and more environmentally friendly place.



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AV AND LIGHTING



1.

We use energy efficient lighting.



2.

We select local suppliers to reduce distances travelled.



3.

We turn off AV equipment when not in use.



4.

We use natural daylight as much as possible and encourage clients to follow suit.



5.

Video conferencing is available to allow for wider access.



6.

We reuse, reduce and donate materials after use.



RESPONSIBLE EVENT CONSUMPTION

MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Minimise literature and delegate packs.



Locally sourced food/drink products.



Pens, writing pads and gift bags made from recycled materials. We offer these only when requested, to avoid wastage.



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ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES



We utilize local businesses to reduce transport emissions.



We recommend organising visits to local attractions to help delegates gain a better understanding of the local environment and culture.



We support activities that have a positive impact on our environment.



We select businesses with certified environmental accreditations.



We partner with Castlecomer Discovery Park , set in 80 acres of stunning natural woodland and lakes, to offer guests and delegates a 15% discount on their outdoor activities.



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CARBON OFF SETTING

- We are a city centre hotel in the Kilkenny Ormonde however we have planted flowers, trees and shrubbery in our open space at the front of the hotel to help create a greener on-street environment for the benefit of our guests and patrons and local community.
- We are just a one minute walk from Kilkenny Castle Park and Gardens.
- We encourage our guests to enjoy happiness in nature by sampling the nearby walking trails of Kilkenny Castle Parkland and the pathways along the River Nore.
- We also offer a packed picnics for our customers to venture further afield, but to remain environmentally friendly and enjoy sustainably crafted and packaged foods.



PARTNERSHIPS

- We are strong supporters of our wonderful community in Kilkenny. We like to get involved and do our utmost to offer support and financial contributions to as many charities, fundraisers, community groups, events, festivals and local organisations as possible.
- We are proud members of Kilkenny Tourism, and work with Kilkenny County Council, Tourism Ireland and Failte Ireland who offer massive support in bringing visitors from far and wide to Kilkenny.



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- We are an active member of Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce.
- We support local charities in terms of facilitating their meeting and event space requirements at reduced rates.
- We offer employment opportunities with SOS Kilkenny.
- We're partners with Irish Wheelchair association for accommodation.



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We at the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel,
recognize that making positive choices can
lessen our environmental footprint.

Your support as our guests is greatly
appreciated as we strive to create a more
sustainable and enjoyable environment.