

The 4th Biennial Equity Conference 2009
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Hosted by NSW Priority Schools Programs

Implemented eco-friendly ideas

- All organising committee meetings will be paperless. Meeting packs will be electronically displayed at meetings.
- The supply of satchels, program books and CDs to be tailored to the registration numbers thereby avoiding left over materials. A spare supply of unprinted satchels to be ordered so that return of unwanted or unused satchels to the supplier could be arranged.
- Registration information for Equity to be available online at conference website and not printed in hard copy.
- 2 name badge return bins to be available onsite where delegates can recycle their name badges and lanyards.
- Fresh food left over from the conference to be donated to OzHarvest and shared with people in need.
- Food waste from the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's kitchens to be transported to a specialist recycling plant for conversion to green fuel, which the plant uses in its purpose designed power stations.
- Recycling and waste stations to be available in the Centre for delegate use.
- The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's lighting system adjusts to the amount of natural light available throughout the day, reducing electricity usage.
- The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre's toilets are dual flush and waterless urinals are also available. The taps have touch sensors and therefore are water efficient.
- The conference hotels that have been chosen are only a short walking distance to the Centre therefore reducing the need for transport.
- Electronic signage to be used where possible to reduce the need for hardcopy signage.
- All crockery and cutlery is re-usable.
- Creating awareness by publishing the conference's intention to be 'green'.
- Chosen suppliers to be environmentally conscious in their practices and policies.

Proposed eco-friendly ideas currently in progress

- Name badges, program book and delegate envelopes to be printed on 100% recycled paper.
- The conference abstracts be available on CD Rom only, eliminating the need to print an abstract book. The CD Rom cover printed on 100% recycled card.
- The Equity conference satchel to be made from canvas and printed with a water-based ink. This type of satchel is durable to extend life use.
- School groups to be given option to travel with Greyhound buses as they now offer customers to offset their carbon emissions for only \$1.00 per ticket.
- The ecological footprint of Equity 2009 could be measured and documented as part of an ongoing commitment to understand the impacts and improve the efficiency of Equity conferences.
- A group shuttle be booked to transport delegates to Sydney Domestic Airport at the close of the Equity 2009 Conference.