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Welcome to the first **Green Republic** newsletter for 2010. produced by **Festival Republic**. This newsletter is sent to Festival Republic's staff, crew, area managers, production managers, contractors, suppliers, service providers, artist managers, and other people and organisations whose work may contribute to reducing the environmental impact of our festivals.



They go from Here...



...To Here!

Composting

All cutlery in Latitude, Reading and Leeds are Compostable!

Biodegradable waste rotting in landfill produces methane, which is 20 times stronger Green House Gas (GHG) than Carbon Dioxide. Composting of biodegradable waste is very important and high percentage of waste produced in the arenas is compostable.

Thanks to the audience effort composting in Latitude arena was again working really well and the arena looked beautiful. This year we are targeting to improve the recycling and composting at the campsites.

A pilot project called "Compost Crew" circled around Reading arena and collected 11 tonnes compost waste from going to landfill in 2009. We believe that Reading and Leeds audience is ready for fully composting this year and we are placing compost waste barrels in both arenas.

We are also expecting traders to do their part and separate their biodegradable waste during the show and for after show cleaning.

Campground Recycling

Don't fix what is not broken! Campers are again encouraged to bring a bag full of cans to the Recycling point in exchange for beer token. Cup deposit schemes in all festivals will continue to make sure that no cup escapes the recycling loop. The printed Latitude cups have become hugely popular souvenirs, but also the plain ones serve the purpose really well as they can be washed up to 100 times.

Green Steward programs continue and expand in 2010. Our volunteers will be communicating recycling initiatives, handing bags, stewarding bins and help in massive salvage collection after the festivals. It is fun and we have members who have joint in every year since the Green Messenger campaign started. Once a Green Messenger, never again a Free Passenger!

Campground Salvage

Left behind stuff, tents, sleeping bags, cookers, sleeping mats, clothes, food, chairs, you name it, is still existent problem in Reading and Leeds festivals. We encourage all campers and staff to BRING LESS stuff and if you don't take something with you back home, bring it to the Donation point on Monday morning.

Salvage operations enhanced yet in 2009. On Monday morning the Green messengers and many old as well as new charity groups joined their forces and collected tonnes and tonnes of goods that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. In 2009 Salvation Army operated food product collection at the campsite and gave them for charity in Reading. Tent fabrics from broken tents found new life as Withintent products, eg jackets and bags.

In 2010 the salvage targets are even higher! For example, for the first time we will be collecting rags: clothes, textiles, bags, shoes and hats for charity in Reading.



Oxfam campground after Latitude festival;
Excellent example!

Important reminders

We appreciate that you co-operate on setting up an example of environmentally and socially sound work environment and camping manners!

Think twice how much you need and use your raw materials efficiently. Savings in stuff are usually savings in money as well! Consider where origin of the product is and prefer local goods. Always use and buy environmentally certified or labeled products.

Working areas are expected to be all clear of commercial waste such as all tent pegs, flooring, stillages, water pipe, cables, carpet, rope, paint tins and timber.

Ideally, a member of your crew will be appointed to make sure that the crew compound is left as clear as it was when you arrived. This means packing your camping gear and taking it back home, recycling and donating what you can and finally that the crew compound is 'litter free'. 'Litter free' means removing litter from cabins, tents, tent pegs, fire pits, caravan gas bottles, drinks cans, plastic bags, food etc...

Before you leave site there will be a sign off procedure with your appointed litter manager and the Site Office or Event Waste Manager to check that your crew compounds are litter free and working areas are clear of commercial waste.

Contractors who do not comply with this request will be liable to a financial penalty. The costs incurred by Festival Republic to rectify your compounds or remove discarded work materials from site will be passed directly on to you &, if necessary, deducted from the balance of your final payment.



10:10 Campaign

Festival Republic is pleased to be working alongside 10:10 to reduce the carbon footprint of Latitude, Reading and Leeds festivals by 10% through efficiency in onsite energy use, waste and water consumption.

By switching to cleaner sources of energy, we are able to reduce carbon emissions and still power the stages, speakers and refreshment stands that make Latitude, Reading and Leeds such great festivals.

Our ongoing efforts to reduce landfill waste and ensure minimal impact on the environment include zero waste campaigning, reducing material use, comprehensive recycling, shifting to biodegradable materials and composting them as well as collecting re-usable goods for charity.

Working alongside, Festival Republic and Julie's Bicycle, 10:10 look forward to seeing you onsite at the festivals and enjoying amazing weekends, and receiving your pledge to support our efforts at www.1010uk.org.

The next Green Republic Newsletter published in July will concentrate on climate change. What actually is climate change? How does it relate to festival industry and individuals? What can us and you do?

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