

INFORMATION FOR STEWARDS AND CREW, READING & LEEDS FESTIVAL 2009



Reading and Leeds Festivals are fast approaching and this info sheet looks at what those performing at the festival can play their part to help reduce the environmental impact and encourage their crews and fans to do the same. The biggest impacts are WASTE and TRANSPORT, along with the impacts of the PURCHASING you do in relation to being at the festival.

TRAVELLING TO THE FESTIVAL

Please think about the best way to get to the festival to minimise your CO2 impact. One person driving in a car alone emits ten times the amount than if you travel by a full coach. Of course coming by public transport isn't going to work for everyone so if you drive please try and fill up the seats - it really will make a difference. Four people in a car is actually better than coming by train in terms of CO2 emissions...

- Remember to sign up to Liftshare!
- Use these links to find out how to travel to Reading & Leeds by convenient public transport:

Reading Festival: <http://www.readingfestival.com/info/index.aspx?id=402>
Leeds Festival: <http://www.leedsfestival.com/info/index.aspx?id=414>



RUBBISH, RECYCLING, COMPOSTING

We're doing all we can to move towards zero waste. A big ask we know, but every area of the festival is scrutinized and we are trying really hard to get as much recycling and composting happening as possible to keep stuff out of landfill and incineration.

You'll notice that the rubbish bins are split into recycling and landfill. If you find yourself with an empty can or bottle and near a bin which looks like the one on the left, please put it in for recycling!

We'll also be collecting food plates and food scraps from catering, so please put those in the compost bins also. No plastic bottles in there please!



YOUR CANS COUNT

Tonnes of cans are left after the party's over. Please encourage everyone to bring bag a bagful of cans to the Recycle Exchanges in the campsites and we'll give them a free can of beer!

COMPOST COLLECTION

This year we will trial the collection of food packaging in the arenas, which is all compostable. Roving 'Compost Crew' will be picking up food plates and scraps acting as mobile compost bins. If you find yourself with a spare moment in the arena, and the noodle box in your hand, look out for the compost crew & their bins.

BUTTS!!!

Butt bins are provided outside all cabins and tents, so please use them. Every butt has to be picked up by hand, so it'd be awesome if you didn't flick your fag. Thanks.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE LIGHT BULBS?



You might be asked about the light bulbs and why we don't use energy saving ones, so we thought we'd give you the low down. We currently use incandescent bulbs in our festoon lighting throughout the campgrounds. Several thousand bulbs are used. We have thoroughly investigated changing to CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps) however, they cannot offer us an energy saving due to the way a mobile generator supplies power, the fact that they are not waterproof, and that savings are achieved in long term use, not in a short term situation such as a festival. We are continuing to reduce wattage on incandescents and also trialling options with a view to the future when traditional bulbs are banned. If you want to reduce the impact of energy usage in association with lighting from your onsite activity, choose to use LED lights rather than CFLs or traditional bulbs.

CLEANING PRODUCTS & WASTE WATER

We want to reduce any chemicals added to the waste water and so use environmentally sound cleaning products and toilet treatments. We also supply Ecover body wash in the showers for the audience to use. Please bring environmentally friendly soaps and shampoos to use at the festival.



CAMPSITE SALVAGE

We have a comprehensive salvage program to collect abandoned camping gear, and to encourage campers to pack their gear up and take it home. We also offer the option of donating their gear to charity.

This year we will be holding a Dispersal Day where we will be offering good reusable gear at a cut-price rate to community organisations. The money raised will go to the groups that have organised the collection and dispersal day.

COMPOST LOOS

This year we're putting some composting loos into Leeds. If you're curious, please 'have a go'! They're odourless (!), waterless and the end product is organic fertiliser. They'll be in the brown campsite.



BEER CUPS

There's a 10p deposit on all drinks bought in cups over the bars, as well as the pint cup carrying trays. Refunds can be collected next to the bars. The last two years we have had 10p deposit on beer cups we have had upwards of 95% of cups returned. Amazing.

BOTTLED WATER

A 20p deposit applies to bottled water sold onsite. Profits from the sale of water go to support water projects in Africa.

BIODIESEL

All the campground power this year is run on 100% Waste Vegetable Oil Biodiesel. This is an excellent alternative to mineral diesel as it uses a waste product which may otherwise have been disposed of. It also reduces CO2 emissions by two thirds.

CLEAN CREW CAMPS!

We hope you will join us in making Clean Crew Campsites a reality. Please encourage your fellow workers to pick up their rubbish, to recycle what they can, most importantly, pack up their camping gear and taking it home with them.

Pick up bin bags from your HQ, or from the Staff Campsite Manager's van. Use plastic carrier bags for stuff going to landfill, and the printed clear bags we provide for recyclables. Don't forget you can get a free beer if you take a bag of cans back to the Recycle Exchange. Nearest one for staff camping at Reading is in the Yellow campsite and for Leeds in the village.

