



XIII The organisation of public events

The City Council's internal greening process goes beyond the local authority offices. The City Council is not just committed to improving the sustainability of the organisation but also intends to spread the practice of sustainability to the citizens, to organisations of civil society and to enterprises.

A good time to demonstrate our commitment to greening is in the organisation of fiestas or other public events where actions like more sustainable mobility, waste reduction and selective waste collection, the use of fair trade products, etc. can be put into practice.





RESOURCES OF THE + SUSTAINABLE CITY COUNCIL PROGRAMME

More sustainable fiestas

- Environmental education guide “Les Festes més sostenibles” (More sustainable fiestas) shows in detail the actions that can be taken in order to green-up public events. It also has a long list of addresses and contact details of suppliers of products and cultural services companies that incorporate environmental criteria into their supply.

Reusable glass lending service for public events and activities – CRBS

- The Sustainable Barcelona Resource Centre loans reusable glasses and glass washers to municipal offices and for public events (activities taking place in districts, associations, etc.). This service not only allows you to request the glasses but also offers the loaning of glasses and a glass washer as well as a training session which is held at the association or office which has requested the service.

GOOD PRACTICES ↓

→ Environment Week at the district of Les Corts

Can Deu Civic Centre has also wished to participate actively in the Environment Week and for this reason has organised whole series of free activities during the week: the waste treatment excursion, an urban composting workshop, a walk in Collserola and a community breakfast.

→ The Fiestas Commission for Llibertat street in Gràcia distributes a reusable crockery/cutlery kit

On occasion of the 2004 Gràcia Festivities, the Fiestas Commission of Llibertat street distributed among its members and neighbours a reusable crockery kit comprising a bag, plate, cutlery and glass to be used every time there is a street party (“calçotada”, Saint John, “Festa Major”...). The aim of this initiative is to contribute to waste reduction and to spread responsible consumption.

→ April Fair

Since 2002, Barcelona City Council and the Waste Agency of Catalonia have collaborated with FECAC - Federación de Entidades Culturales Andaluzas en Catalunya - in order to introduce selective waste collection to the April Fair events. With the collaboration of those working at the stalls and stands and volunteers, over the 10 days of fiesta 59% selective waste collection was performed on the 129 tonnes of waste generated.

NOTE!



Greening of the Convention of Barcelona Agenda21 signees

The Convention of Agenda21 signees, which gathered over 300 people, ensured the environmentalisation of the event right from the start of the project. The measures taken concentrated on 21 points, such as providing information as to how to get there by public transport and by bike and car-share possibilities; making rational use of lighting, air conditioning and heating; using reusable crockery and cutlery; avoiding the generation of packaging waste, serving local, seasonal and fair trade products; making identification cards with reusable or recyclable products, rationalising the amount of documentation and the reuse of paper, among others. Thus, with the convention’s ECOMETRE, emissions were calculated and compensation was made through the “CeroCO2” reforestation campaign.