

# Climate Conscious Travel

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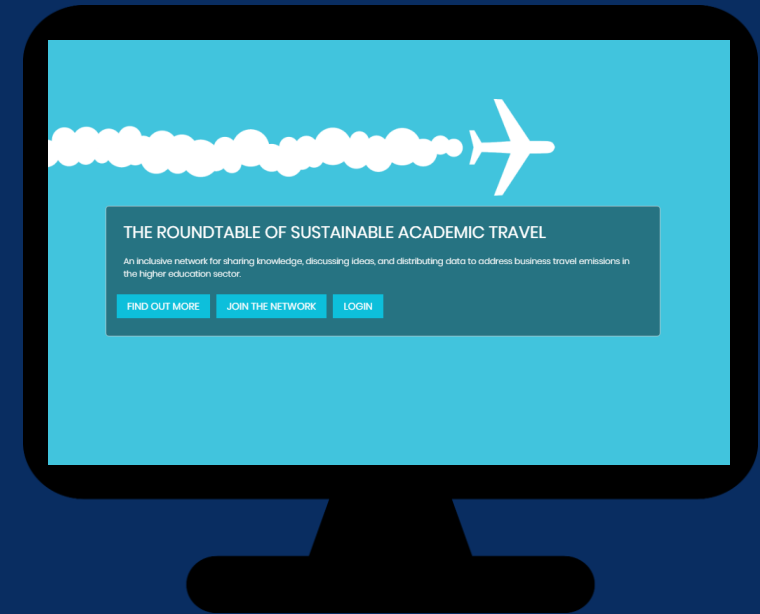


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# The Roundtable of Sustainable Academic Travel

- Method of increasing communication on this topic across FHE
- Opportunity to share knowledge, ideas, & data
- Open to all higher education institutions & associated organisations
- To Date: Over 85 organisations signed up from 20 different countries



**[businesstravelroundtable.ac](https://businesstravelroundtable.ac)**



# Climate strategy approach



ZERO BY  
2040



## People



Our students, staff, alumni and friends are our lifeblood.

## Research



Our ethos of working without boundaries will deliver a step change in innovation and research.

## Teaching and Learning



Our teaching will match the excellence of our research. We will improve and sustain student satisfaction and wellbeing.

## Social and Civic Responsibility



Our vision is to make the world a better place, so we will ensure that our actions and activities deliver positive change locally, regionally and globally.



# Business Travel



[edin.ac/business-travel-report](https://edin.ac/business-travel-report)

## In 2018-19 we...

- Recorded over **110,000 journeys**
- Travelled over **66,000,000 miles** (2,650 times around the earth)
- **Spent over £11m** on travel alone (roughly 8% of procurement spend)
- Emitted over **18,500 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e** (the same as roughly 1,000 average UK homes annually)
- Spent an **estimated 200,000 hours** travelling by air & rail

\* Figures for 2019 - 20 greatly reduced due to impact of Covid-19



# Sustainable Travel Policy



Principles: Staff wellbeing / Environment / Financial cost

1. Promoting alternatives to travel
2. Standardising the travel booking process
3. Sequestering remaining carbon



# Beyond Business Travel

- Impact on strategy
  - Student experience
  - Partnerships
- Scope for carbon reporting and target-setting:
  - International students and visitors?

