

HEARTH SUMMIT — SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

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3.41 B★★

Certification Score

4.70/5

Social Resp. Score

CONTEXT

The **Global Hearth Summit 2025 (GHS 2025)** brought together changemakers from 80 countries in Ljubljana for four days of immersive wellbeing practice and peer exchange. For the first time, the Summit obtained a full independent ESG certification through **Planet Positive Event** - a major step in The Wellbeing Project's (TWP) commitment to **transparent and sustainable event practice**.

7 KEY STRENGTHS

- **Independent ESG certification:** Planet Positive Event (3.41/B, May 2026), based on ISO 14001, ISO 20121 and GHG Protocol - a first for TWP.
- **Exceptional equity of access:** 82% of participants received free access; 54% received travel/accommodation support.
- **Global representation:** 80 countries, 86 nationalities, ages 15–75, 60% female, 77% women in the organising team.
- **Social responsibility score 4.70/5:** top performance on human and community dimensions.
- **Continuous measurement since 2022:** among very few social sector organisations to publish event data across two editions.
- **Circular economy in practice:** 50%+ local sourcing, zero merchandise, donations to Red Cross and local shelters, near-zero single-use plastic.
- **Travel is a structural constraint:** 92% of emissions are from international travel, the necessary cost of a global network and to allow change makers to meet themselves (who would rather not having this opportunity).

CARBON FOOTPRINT IN CONTEXT

Total: 1,713 t CO₂

- 92.1%** Attendee travel (structural constraint)
- 2.7%** Hotel accommodation
- 2.5%** Project management & communications
- 1.7%** Event production & venue
- 0.5%** Energy at venues

PROGRESS & PRIORITIES FOR GHS 2028

Progress since GHS 2022 (Bilbao):

From a voluntary pro bono audit to a full certified ESG report covering 14 criteria - a major maturity leap in three years.

Progress for GHS 2028 (Japan):

- **Building on our strengths:** circular economy, local sourcing, near-zero plastic, material donations to local partners.
- **Equity & access:** sustain the financial accessibility model that made 90%+ subsidised participation possible.
- **Learning from Japan:** explore local approaches to sustainability through partners and suppliers.



EQUITY, ACCESS & ATTENDEES' TRAVEL

TWP continues with the summit aim to allow gathering for changemakers and changemaking. It means funding access for changemakers from the Global South who would not otherwise participate. Over 90% of participants received subsidies exceeding 50%.

What this means for funders

Supporting the Global Hearth Summit means funding a measured, certified, and continuously improving event with transparency, equity, and a clear roadmap for 2028.

For more details on the methodology, sustainability practices, and independent assessment visit [our website](https://www.wellbeing-project.org).