

Yale awards Gold Certification to University of Copenhagen Event 17 June 2009

On May 26, the University of Copenhagen held a rooftop-raising ceremony to celebrate its nearly-complete carbon-neutral residence hall. This event achieved Gold certification as per the criteria set forth by Yale University's Office of Sustainability for event sustainability.



The University of Copenhagen's Climate Office significantly reduced the environmental impacts of this event by limiting the amount of energy which was used during the event, and by taking measures which reduced the amount of waste produced as a result of the event. All invitations and event announcements were sent electronically and encouraged those attending to arrive by bike or on foot. The food served was local and organic and participants were encouraged to take any leftovers home with them. Cloth table clothes and reusable flatware were used in place of disposable items. Even the entertainment was ecologically friendly as the musicians' instruments were made from used plastic beverage containers! The event organizers used the gathering to raise awareness about the steps they had taken to reduce the environmental impact of the event and encouraged all participants to do the same next time they plan an event.

The Office of Sustainability commends our colleagues at the University of Copenhagen for their efforts to green their events and their campus and wishes them the best on their sustainable building project.