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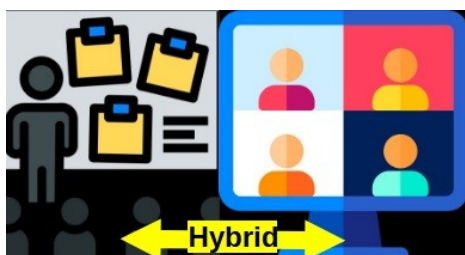
36th Hazards Conference 2025 Delegates Information and Joining Instructions 5th – 7th September, 2025

Dear Hazards Conference delegate,

This is final confirmation for Hazards Conference 2025, being held online and at Keele University.

Thank you for booking to join us at this year's hybrid Hazards Conference 2025 at Keele University.

For those attending in person we are endeavouring to ensure your health and safety through increased ventilation, mask wearing where necessary and more space in all indoor spaces. We are all vulnerable to Covid infection but some people attending will be even more vulnerable and we need to ensure everyone's health by collective action as with all health and safety measures. We hope you will support and comply with all the measures we put in place while attending the conference. We ask you not to attend if you are ill or testing positive for Covid. If this is the case, we will send you online links so that you can take part in the conference from your home.



In-person delegates:

Conference activities are in the Chancellor's Building in the centre of the campus. The campus is fairly compact and bowl-shaped; a map can be found at <https://www.keele.ac.uk/about/howtofindus/maps/keele-campus-map.pdf>

No 54 is Chancellors Building and the car park we will use is C3. Please familiarise yourself with the layout.

Online delegates: Online delegates will receive relevant access links by email and a conference pack in the post providing the delegate fees have been paid in full.

You will be able to access the hybrid/ online sessions providing your PC, laptop/ tablet or phone browser can use both Zoom and MS Teams video conferencing.

These can be either web-based (via your browser) or by downloading the free app version from the Apple Store or Play Store. It is worth testing the app or browser access beforehand and making sure your speakers/ headphones and microphone all work with both Teams and Zoom. A stable internet connection is required for better interaction and ideally not a metered connection due to the length of time you'll be online.

Outstanding payments: Don't worry if the invoice for your place hasn't been paid before 9th August. Your place has been confirmed and Caroline from Hazards will contact you if there is a problem

Please note that Keele is now a cashless campus, they take debit and credit cards in the bars. Also there are water stations around the venue for you to refill water bottles.

Transport and Parking

Due to varying delegate arrival times there will be no organised minibus coming from Stoke train station to Keele University on Friday Sept. 5. However there will be a coach leaving the university on the Sunday at 12.30 to take attendees directly to Stoke train station.

You can download travel information at <https://www.keele.ac.uk/about/howtofindus/>

Getting to Keele

By Car: For Sat-Nav, use postcode ST5 5BG. There are ample car parks in the centre of the campus; Car Park C3 is the closest to the Hazards reception.

Car parking arrangements:

Keele University now operates an ANPR parking system.

Delegates and attendees **must register their car prior** to arrival at Keele.

<https://keelevms.firstparking.co.uk/Event/Register/?ID=RiZDMHIkUGVyXnx0RiZDMHIkUGVyKnx0MjAxMjE5ODFGJkMwciRQJHJtfHRGJkMwciRQZSRtfHQyMDEyMTk4Mde5Nz4pmwc6eCMQ%2FzyoYcNUhmZnMRiNNnavona8izdP>

Once registered vacation parking is available in any University approved permit holder car park (excluding Pay and Display, C4 pre booked car park, Innovation Centre car parks and the Courtyard by Marriott).

Vehicle and contents are parked at the owners risk and no liability is accepted for any loss or damage, however caused. Please help us to reduce the risk of vehicle crime by removing valuables from view in your vehicle.

Please ensure that your vehicle is parked in accordance with Keele University Traffic/Parking Policies as displayed on the car park signage. Any breach may result in an infringement notice being issued which could include a charge. Please note that a fine will be levied for failure to register your vehicle.

By Train: The nearest railway stations are at Stoke-on-Trent and Crewe. Check National Rail Enquiries for times and routes.

From Stoke-on-Trent station From Stoke-on-Trent train station, 'First' buses operate No. 25 service. The bus stop is on your left when exiting the station, on the opposite side of the road (opposite the taxi rank). More details can be found on the [First Group website](#). (Potteries)

Just check with the driver it goes into the Keele University Campus. Get off at union square and head towards the Chancellors building. The bus journey takes about 30 minutes to get to the University. [25-webmap_proof.pdf \(firstbus.co.uk\)](#)

Taxis are also available from the station and take about 20 minutes.

From Crewe station, From Crewe bus station, 'D&G' buses (No. 85 service) to Newcastle-under-Lyme leaves from the stop to the right of the station entrance towards the roundabout. The service leaves at 5 minutes past the hour (Monday to Saturday), taking about 50 minutes, and stops in Keele village or Barnes Hall.

By Air: Delegates flying into Manchester or Birmingham should catch the airport shuttle train to Piccadilly station (Manchester) or New Street station (Birmingham) then the train to Stoke-on-Trent.



Hazards Conference Registration

Hazards 2025 reception and registration desk is in the Chancellor's Building, No.54 at the centre of the campus (see map). Look out for the Hazards 2025 signs.

On Friday 5th Sept registration starts at 13.00 until 19.30 and on Saturday 6th Sept from 07.30am - 09.00am. The registration desk will be staffed during the daytime conference hours.

For security reasons, the university require all delegates to wear both the Hazards 2025 badge and their delegate name badge whilst on the campus.

Non-residential Delegates:

Non residential delegates are booked in for meals.

Residential Delegates:

First, register at the Hazards 2025 Conference desk, then you will need to check in at the University guest services desk, which is also in the Chancellor's Building. This year all residential delegates are in the Barnes accommodation block. (No 36 on the map)

If you arrive after 22.00 on Friday evening the University guest services desk will be closed. Out of hours bedroom key collection Between 10pm & 8am: If you're collecting your bedroom key between the hours of 10pm and 8am, please report to our 24 hour Reception at the Courtyard by Marriott Keele Staffordshire Hotel. The Hotel is located just past the first exit at the roundabout, once arrived onto the Keele University campus from the main entrance. Once at the Hotel, a member of the team on the Main Reception desk will assist you. If you're arriving via taxi, please ask the taxi driver to remain whilst you collect your key and they can then take you to your accommodation.



You will then need to register for conference on Saturday morning between 07.30 and 09.00 at the Hazards 2025 desk in the Chancellor's Building.

Car parking

Our designated conference car park is Car Park C3, highlighted on the map next to the Chancellor's Building (no.54). You will need to register your car to park on the site – see above instructions.

You can leave your car on car park C3 or alternatively drive to the accommodation block as required.

If spaces are limited when you arrive then you can park on any University approved permit holder car park (signage is displayed on each car park)

On-campus transport and support

If you require assistance with mobility inside or outside of the conference venue please make sure you have informed us. There will be short walks between conference rooms some requiring stairs or lift access. The distance between the different venues (e.g. bus stops, pub, and accommodation) can take approximately 10 minutes on foot.

Contact telephone number

Hazards 2025 contact telephone number during conference sessions, starting from noon on Friday 5th Sept is the **Chancellor's Building Reception 01782 734014**. If you don't have a personal mobile phone, this is the number to leave at home if you need to be contacted. The reception phone will be

staffed from 8am- 8pm over the conference, outside of these hours if unavailable speak to one of the team or the campus 24 hour security telephone number 01782 733999 (***emergency use only outside the times above***)

Draft programme

Attached is a draft conference programme; a fully detailed final programme will be in your delegate's pack. Your delegate's pack, conference badges and information about your chosen workshops and other conference activities will be given to you when you register. Online delegates will receive the relevant online links to the email you registered with. A conference pack and bag will be sent by post to the address given in your registration.

Message board

There will be a message board in the registration hall, and any messages received will be posted on it. You can also use this to contact other delegates, give information out etc.

Friday Plenary

Hazards 2025 formally starts with the plenary session in the Westminster Theatre promptly at 20.00 on Friday 5th Sept. The plenary is preceded by a hot evening meal served from 17.30–19.00 in The Refectory in the Chancellor's building. If you are joining us online then the online site will be open at 19.45.

Saturday

The plenary meetings on the Saturday will take place in the Westminster Theatre starting at 09.00 with the opening plenary, please be prompt. For online delegates the online site will be open at 08.45 so that you can make sure you are able to join.

If you have any difficulties please use the contact details sent with the links. See the conference agenda for timings and details of the sessions.

Saturday afternoon will be workshops followed by fringe meetings.

Sunday Final Plenary

Our final day begins with a final plenary from 09.30am where we have some fantastic speakers joining us. Throughout the conference, if you are there in-person please visit the stalls. You can also vote on the UK's worst boss on safety and if you are online you will be able to vote as well. We will advise you of the nominees during the opening plenary session. On the Sunday we will also make a special presentation and announce the UK's most effective safety campaign and worst boss award - as decided by conference delegates! Nominations are open for each award at

<https://gmhazards.org.uk/index.php/hazardsconference>

Conference Close & Organised Bus to Stoke Station

Hazards Conference 2025 ends on Sunday 7th Sept at 12.00 at the close of the final plenary session. We have a packed lunch for all in-person delegates. You can take it away with you or eat at the venue. We have booked a coach to take delegates back to Stoke-on-Trent station at 12.30, and you can also use taxis. If anyone wants to travel to Stoke Station on the coach please book your place at the Hazards 2025 reception

Finally let others know if you are enjoying the conference and provide your feedback at <https://forms.office.com/r/7DGzsWGfJA> (opens during conference)

If there are any issues please come to the Hazards Registration stall, where there will be someone to help. Or if you are online then use the contact you are sent with your links.

Like last year we are displaying trade union safety posters around the conference plenary venue A3 size or larger. Please bring any health and safety posters you have to add to the display and if you want them back please write your name on the back of them hopefully to inspire new campaigns. Or if you are online and want them displayed please use the background feature of zoom to use them as a background.

If you are attending in person, we wish you a safe journey to Keele, and if you are joining us online we will try to make the experience as interactive for you as possible, but **most of all we look forward to seeing you all at Hazards Conference 2025.**

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Hazards 2025 Organising Committee

Conference Agenda

Friday 5th Sept

- 13.00 - 19.30 Delegate registration
- 17.30 - 19.30 Evening meal
- 20.00 - 21.00 Opening Plenary: (Hybrid) Westminster Theatre:

*(Can AI Ever be Good for our Health? Chaired by **Doug Russell** GMHC. Speakers include **Chenay Arberry** Senior Health and Safety Specialist at the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, **Dr Philippa Collins** Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol, **Dr Joe Atkinson** Lecturer in Employment Law University of Southampton and Co-Director of the Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and Law and **Dr. Craig Gent** respected AI author, trade unionist, former media director and LSE Fellow in Communications)*

- 21.00 – 22.00 Networking in Sectors

Saturday 6th Sept

- 07.30 - 09.00 Registration for later arrivals/non-residential delegates
- 07.30 - 09.00 Breakfast
- 09.00 - 10.30 1st Meeting: Westminster Theatre (Hybrid):

*(Dealing with Violence and Stress at Work chaired by **Alex Lancaster** UCU Bargaining and Negotiations Official - Health and Safety. Speakers **Dr Ruth Beresford**, Research Associate for the Department of Psychology, Sociology & Politics at Sheffield Hallam University, **Jamie McGovern** CWU Health & Safety Policy Advisor, **Jonathan Havard** Health and Safety Officer RMT, **Bob Jeffery** Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Sheffield Hallam University)*

10.30 - 11.00 Break
11.00 - 12.30 1st Workshop
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch – Information Stands & Discussion
14.00 – 15.30 2nd Meeting (Hybrid): Westminster Theatre:

(Workers Health Crisis amid a Lack of Enforcement Chair Dan Shears Director of Health, Safety and Environment GMB. Speakers include: Luke Collins - Unite National Health and Safety Officer, Ceri Williams Policy Lead TUC Cymru, Harminder Bains Joint Head of the Asbestos and Industrial Diseases Leigh Day)

15.30 - 16.00 Break
16.00 - 17.30 2nd Workshop
17.45 - 18.45 Fringe meetings
19.00 - 20.30 Dinner
21.00 - 22.00 Quiz
22.00 Networking

Sunday 7th Sept

07.30 -09.00 Breakfast - clear rooms; bring cases to secure room in registration area (vacate rooms by 9.30am)
09.30 -12.00 Closing plenary (Hybrid) Westminster Theatre:

(From Climate Crisis to Choking Air – What Can Safety Reps Do? Chair Janet Newsham Hazards Campaign. Speakers: Ian Hodson National President BFAWU, Sean Halsall UNITE, Miranda Irwin and Friederike Lurken Heat Strike and Jawad Qasrawi Sub Editor Hazards Magazine)

- Certificates of Excellence for Health and Safety Campaigns
- Bad Boss Award 2025

12.00 - 13.00 Packed Lunch – eat with us or take away and depart
12.30 **Coach to depart** to take delegates to Stoke Train Station