

EDUCATION BUILDING
University of Birmingham – Edgbaston Campus
Venue information, directions, accessibility, and facilities

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The Education Building is building R19 in the Red Zone.

The AccessAble page of the Education Building can be found here:

<https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/education-building> .

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We work towards providing as detailed information as possible. For any further queries, please contact the Events Organiser via globalethicsevents@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

We are aware that some of the facilities are less than ideal. We are working with management to try to improve the situation, but we hope you appreciate that this takes time. We will update this document regularly.

A. FACILITIES IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

1. Accessibility

The main entrance is at the North Side of the building. The path leading from Pritchatts Road to the main entrance has a low gradient.

The disabled bays are located in front of the building, at the start of the path leading to the main entrance (please see “Arriving by car” below for more information).

The main entrance has automatic sliding doors opening outwardly. There you enter the ground floor foyer.

2. Room locations

The public lecture will be held in the Vaughan Jefferies Lecture Theatre on the first floor. When entering the ground floor foyer through the main entrance, take the stairs at your left, which lead directly to the lecture theatre.

This room is accessible to wheelchair users, with accessible spaces at the front of the room. They can be reached via the door opposite the main entrance in the ground-floor foyer. To reach this door, there are a couple of steps in the way, but there is a lift for wheelchair users. Please ask the Events Organiser for assistance with this. Please also note that the doors along this route are not automated.

Assistance dogs are welcome in the entire building. Other assistance animals are likely to be welcome as well, but please contact the Events Organiser in advance to make sure.

3. Available technical support

The lecture theatres have an infrared hearing assistance system. Please contact the Events Organiser to make sure that your device is compatible with it or to obtain a headset.

We can print programme brochures and handouts in large print and/or send to you in advance of the event. Please get in touch with the Events Organiser.

4. Restroom facilities

There are women men's rooms as well as restroom facilities accessible to wheelchair users located on the first floor, on the other side of the building, and they are clearly indicated. From the ground-floor foyer, please take the lift and turn right when exiting it on the first floor.

Unfortunately, there are no restrooms accessible to all genders in the Education Building. Please be patient while we petition the university to rectify this. Meanwhile, the nearest all-gender restrooms are located in the Muirhead Tower (Building R21 in the Red Zone on the Campus Map).

5. Internet access

Eduroam

Students and staff from UoB, other UK Universities and many overseas universities can connect to the internet via *Eduroam*. Please connect with your University login details. If you encounter problems logging in, you may have to connect to the internet via *WiFiGuest* (see below), and install the *Eduroam Configuration Assistant Tool* (<https://www.eduroam.org/about/connect-yourself/>).

WiFiGuest

Anyone can connect via the *WiFiGuest* service. Please select "*WiFiGuest*" in settings and open your web browser. You should be directed to the following page:



Click on “Go” (bottom-right corner), and you will be asked to log in. If you have used The Cloud network before, then please use the same login details. If you have not used it before, then please create a new account by clicking “Create Account”. After completing the form, click on “Continue” (accepting the terms and conditions), and you should be able to browse the internet as usual.

6. Print facilities

Unfortunately, we will be unable to print or copy handouts or other documents. There is a print shop in the University Centre (Building R23 in the Red Zone on the Campus Map).

7. Quiet spaces

St. Francis Hall (building O2 in the Orange Zone of the campus map) is the hub of the University’s Multi-faith Chaplaincy and has a quiet space for private prayer and meditation in addition to the main Worship Room. For more information, please see <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/chaplaincy/about/index.aspx>. The AccessAble page of St. Francis Hall is here: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/st-francis-hall-chaplaincy>.

8. Drinks, food, and refreshments

The University of Birmingham has a contract with Freshthinking (<https://www.freshthinking.uk.com>) for events-catering. For lunches and breaks, our policy is to have *only* vegetarian and vegan food (50-50 split). If you have other dietary requirements, please contact the Events Organiser.

Organic coffee and tea will be available before the Public Lecture starts.

9. Information for caregivers

Event participants with caregiving responsibilities face constraints on their time that others often do not. We try to do as much as possible to accommodate this. In general, children and others for whom participants may care are welcome at our events.

Depending on the number of applications, we can set aside funding to subsidise the use of care facilities for children and others for whom participants may care. If you are considering to use these services, please contact the Events Organiser as soon as possible.

Event schedule

The main conference is scheduled within parent-friendly hours (the programme will be online well in advance on the conference website. During the Public Lecture, children and others for whom participants may care are welcome. Alternatively, we can arrange ad hoc care on an individual basis.

Childcare provisions

The University of Birmingham has two day nurseries (<http://www.birminghamdaynursery.co.uk>): the Oaks and the Elms, the latter of which is near to the venues where most of our events will take place. They can offer childcare provisions for parents who are attending our events, although availability to accommodate a child will depend on the age of the child and the date.

Ad hoc childcare can be arranged if there is no space in the nurseries and/or for (social) events outside family-friendly hours (e.g. public lecture, conference dinner, and closing drinks). We work with trained university students to provide this care.

Care provisions for other care-dependents

Other people for whom participants may care are welcome to our events. Alternatively, we can arrange ad hoc care for the duration of the entire conference or parts of it. We work with university students who have received special training to provide this care.

B. DIRECTIONS

1. Arriving to Birmingham by airplane

The closest airport is *Birmingham International* (BHX).

Frequent trains run between the airport (BHI station) and the city centre (*Birmingham New Street Station* – BHM), which is a 10-15-minute journey. Tickets can be bought at the machines in the train station or online (<https://www.thetrainline.com> is a reliable website).

Taxi's can be found at the main exit of the airport (see below for more information on Taxi's).

Useful websites:

- BHX Airport:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-airport>
 - o More information on accessibility and available options for assistance: <https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/at-the-airport/terminal-facilities/special-assistance/>
- Birmingham Airport Station – BHI:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-international-station>
 - o More information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHI/details.html>
- Birmingham New Street Station – BHM:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-new-street-station>
 - o Further information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHM/details.html>

2. Arriving on campus and to the Education Building by train

Frequent trains run between *Birmingham New Street Station* (BHM) in the city centre to *University (Birmingham)* (UNI) to the West of campus, which is a 10-minute journey.

From UNI station, it is a 10-minute walk to the Education building. However, since there are some rather steep slopes along the way, we would recommend wheelchair users to come by bus (see below).

Useful websites:

- Birmingham New Street Station – BHM:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-new-street-station>
 - o Further information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHM/details.html>
- University (Birmingham) Station – UNI:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/university-station>
 - o More information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/UNI/details.html>

3. Arriving on campus and to the Education Building by bus

Buses operated by *National Express West Midlands* bring you from the city centre to campus. All of their buses can accommodate one wheelchair, drivers will deploy ramps on request or as required and the bus will ‘kneel’ where appropriate. They also accept Class 2 Mobility Scooters and have a policy for making the journey of blind and partially sighted passengers as comfortable as possible.

From Birmingham New Street Station to the Education Building

In *Birmingham New Street Station*, take the exit indicated with *Moor Street* and *Bullring Link*. When leaving the station, cross the square and the road and go left for bus stop *NS3* (see the red pin on the map below), where you can take the bus X20 (towards Rednall), bus X21 (towards Woodcock Hill) or bus X22 (towards Bartley Green).



Get off the bus at bus stop *North Gate (Towards QE Hospital)* on Pritchatts Road. This is a 15-minute journey, and costs £2.40 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount). When alighting the bus, head East for 100 meters and cross the road at the traffic lights. Follow the path in front of you to the entrance to the Education Building.

From the Education Building to Birmingham New Street Station

When leaving the Education Building, walk to the traffic lights on Pritchatts Road, where the bus stop *University North Gate (Towards Birmingham)* is located as well. Take bus X20 or X22 towards Birmingham. You can get off just outside *Birmingham New Street Station* (bus stop NS1 just opposite bus stop NS3 on the map above). This is a 15-minute journey, and costs £2.40 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

From University Station to the Education Building

When leaving *University Station*, turn right, head North-West, cross the square and the road to bus stop *University Station – towards Birmingham*. There you can take bus X20, X21, or X22 towards Birmingham. Get off at the second bus stop (*University North Gate – towards Birmingham*) and go left. The path to the entrance of the Education Building is almost immediately at your right-hand side. For this journey, you can buy the *short stop* ticket of £1.50 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

From the Education Building to University Station

Leave the Education Building to Pritchatts Road, cross it at the traffic lights, go right and continue along Pritchatts Road for another 100 meters to bus stop *University North Gate – towards QE Hospital*. There you can take bus X20 (towards Rednall), bus X21 (towards Woodcock Hill) or bus X22 (towards Bartley Green). Get off at the second bus stop (*University Station – towards QE hospital*) and head South-East to *University Station*. For this journey, you can buy the *short stop* ticket of £1.50 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

Useful websites:

- National Express Journey Planner: <http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/plan-your-journey>
- National Express guidance for bus passengers with a disability: <https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/about-us/disability-awareness-accessibility>

4. Arriving on campus and to the Education Building by car

For people with a disability arriving by car, the campus is accessible to you. If you require parking during the event, please contact the Events Organiser as soon as possible to acquire a car pass. For other people, parking on campus is unfortunately not possible. Your best option would be to try finding a spot along the roads around campus.

There is a disabled parking bay right at the entrance to the Education Building. Drive up to the barrier on Pritchatts Road in front of the building and use your car pass to enter.

If you are being dropped off by someone else or a taxi, please let your driver drive up to the barrier and get in touch with campus security by the radio provided there to get short-stay access to the parking lot at the entrance to the Education Building. An alternative drop-off spot would be at the traffic lights on Pritchatts Road, where you can follow the path (low gradient) to the entrance to the building.

NB: Currently, there is no barrier closing the small parking lot at the entrance to the Education Building. Dropping-off can therefore be done without having to contact campus security. However, people with a disability parking their car for a longer time will still need a car pass.

5. Arriving on campus and to the Education building by taxi

T.O.A. Taxis is Birmingham's black cab taxi service. All of their vehicles are wheelchair accessible and capable of accommodating passengers with a range of special needs, and their drivers are trained in disability awareness. They can be found at the exit of the airport and in the vicinity of all of the exits of *Birmingham New Street* station. Their telephone number is 0044 (0)121 427 8888.

The most convenient drop-off spot for the Education Building would be:

- Please let your driver drive up to the barrier and get in touch with campus security by the radio provided there to get short-stay access to the parking lot at the entrance to the Education Building (Currently, there is no barrier closing the small parking lot at the entrance to the Education Building. Dropping-off can therefore be done without having to contact campus security, but please note that this might change in the future)
- An alternative drop-off spot would be at the traffic lights on Pritchats Road, where you can follow the path (low gradient) to the entrance to the building.

Useful website:

- Website of T.O.A. Taxis: <http://www.toataxis.co.uk>

Edgbaston Campus mobility map

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Red Zone

- R1 Law Building
- R2 Frankland Building
- R3 HR's Building
- R4 Aston Webb - Lapworth Museum
- R5 Aston Webb - B Block
- R6 Aston Webb - Great Hall
- R7 Aston Webb - Student Hub
- R8 Physics West
- R9 Natural
- R10 Physics East
- R11 Medical Physics
- R12 Ennals Music Building
- R13 Foyling Building
- R14 Barber Institute of Fine Arts
- R15 Women Quating
- R16 Arts Building
- R17 Aunby Building
- R18 Stephenson Building
- R19 Education Building
- R20 J.G. Smith Building
- R21 Methodist Tower
- R22 University Centre
- R24 Staff House
- R26 Geography
- R27 Biosciences Building
- R28 Murray Learning Centre
- R29 The Aston Warren Building
- R30 Main Library
- R31 Collaborative Teaching Laboratory - in development

Blue Zone

- B1 Medical School
- B2 Institute of Biomedical Research including IRR West
- B3 Wilsons Clinical Research Facility
- B4 Robert Acheson Institute for Clinical Research
- B5 CRUK Institute for Cancer Studies and David Howell Building
- B6 Research Park
- B7 60 Vincent Drive
- B8 Henry Wellcome Building for Biomedical NMR Spectroscopy
- B9 Medical Practice and Dental Centre
- B10 Advanced Theatres Facility
- B11 BidLab Birmingham
- B12 Health Sciences Research Centre (HSRC)

Orange Zone

- O1 The Guild of Students
- O2 St. Francis Hall
- O3 University House
- O4 Art House
- O5 Beach House
- O6 Cedar House
- O7 Sport & Fitness

Green Zone

- G1 32 Prichard Road
- G2 31 Prichard Road
- G3 European Research Institute
- G4 8 Eling Road
- G5 Computer Centre
- G6 Metallurgy and Materials
- G7 IRC Fuel Science Laboratory
- G8 Gisbert Kapp Building
- G9 62 Prichard Road
- G10 64 Prichard Road
- G11 Moulton Building
- G12 Whitbourne House and Garden
- G13 Washmore
- G14 Priestfield
- G15 Park House
- G16 First Floor
- G17 Elm Day Nursery
- G18 Green Zone Conference Park
- G19 Horizon Garage
- G20 Gann House
- G21 Lucas House
- G22 Peter Scott House

Yellow Zone

- Y1 Old Gymnasium - in development
- Y2 Hazorth Building
- Y3 Mechanical and Civil Engineering Building
- Y4 Tenon Hall
- Y5 Estate West
- Y6 Maintenance Building
- Y7 Grounds and Gardens
- Y8 Chemistry West
- Y9 Computer Science
- Y10 Alio Biomedical
- Y11 Chemical Engineering
- Y12 Biomedical Engineering
- Y13 Chemical Engineering Workshop
- Y14 Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Science
- Y15 Cell Engineering Laboratories
- Y16 Occupational Health
- Y17 Public Health
- Y18 Biomedical Storage Administration
- Y19 Biomedical Infrastructure City

