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Welcome to Newcastle

Newcastle is a lively city with a reputation for providing a friendly welcome. The city has much to offer, with a rich history and vibrant culture, making it the ideal location for your next conference or event.

No matter which way you are planning to travel to the North East, it’s closer than you think. Newcastle offers an international airport, fast and frequent rail connections, and a number of major road routes to the city centre.

Only a short drive from Newcastle is the region’s spectacular coastline and stunning countryside. The Lake District, Yorkshire and Northumberland are also within easy reach for a day trip.

The Conference Team was outstanding! They thought of everything; the experience and expertise were invaluable. They made my life so much better!
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Conferences at Newcastle

Located in the heart of the city, Newcastle University offers a range of venues, from historic red-brick buildings on our main campus, to state-of-the-art facilities at the Newcastle Helix site.

From suites of seminar rooms and lecture theatres to large flat-floored spaces, the Conference Team will be able to tailor the offering and recommend the best venues to meet your requirements.

Our Conference Team has a wealth of experience organising events and conferences, both within the University and surrounding venues. We work closely with a number of internal services to ensure your event runs as smoothly as possible, co-ordinating all audio-visual, portering and catering requests on your behalf.

“It was good to have someone from the team there on the day to check all is going well. Costs are very reasonable. Delegates loved the buildings and the campus.”
Our venues

King's Hall
- Armstrong Building, ground floor
- Capacity: 440 (theatre style)
- Screen
- Projection
- Microphones
- WiFi

Boiler House
- Boiler House, ground floor
- Capacity: 220 (theatre style)
- Screen
- Projection
- Microphones
- WiFi

The Armstrong Building is a stunning Grade II listed building completed in 1888. It’s home to King’s Hall, an impressive space which hosts our graduation ceremonies, suitable for large conferences, concerts and prestigious events.

Situated at the heart of our campus, this modern standalone building boasts a large open-plan space, with plenty of natural light, ideal for networking events, poster sessions and exhibitions.

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**Herschel Building, ground floor**
- Capacity: 360 (tiered lecture theatre)
- Screen
- Projection
- Microphones
- Whiteboards
- WiFi

**Barbara Strang Teaching Centre, ground floor**
- Capacity: 100 (classroom style)
- Dual screen
- Projection
- Whiteboards
- WiFi

**Hadrian Building, Level 4**
- Capacity: 120 (cabaret style)
- Dual screen
- Projection
- Microphones
- WiFi

This large flat-floored room can be divided to provide meeting, exhibition and catering space collectively. Smaller rooms nearby can provide additional breakout areas or individual boardrooms.

This large, tiered auditorium has an adjoining concourse area, ideal for registration, catering and exhibitions. There are also three additional lecture theatres and four classrooms for breakout sessions.

This light and airy classroom set-up can be used for medium-sized conferences and meetings. The two smaller rooms directly next door can be used alongside your event as additional breakout or catering areas.
The Frederick Douglass Centre

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The Frederick Douglass Centre is a purpose-built learning and teaching facility located on the newly developed Newcastle Helix site. Previously the Elswick Colliery, this inspiring site with cutting-edge conference facilities is the largest development of its kind in the UK.

The Centre, which opened in Autumn 2019, offers an impressive, multi-purpose 750-seater auditorium, with the flexibility to divide into two separate lecture theatres with capacities of 250 and 500.

A further collaborative lecture theatre is located on the ground floor adjoining the atrium area. The open-plan atrium is ideal as additional space for exhibitions, poster board sessions, evening receptions and networking.

The building also offers a number of smaller seminar spaces, with capacities ranging from 30 to 60, making them ideal for breakout facilities or office space for conferences. The adjacent Urban Sciences Building can also be used in conjunction with The Frederick Douglass Centre should further event space be required.
Residential conferencing

During the summer months we can provide over 1,000 bedrooms comprising of both en suite and standard rooms, making us an ideal option for residential groups looking for accommodation within the city centre.

We are able to accommodate both small and large groups of delegates as well as summer schools, and our sites allow guests to experience university life by providing access to on-site catering facilities, meeting rooms and social and dining spaces.

Our accommodation sites are also closely located to the main University campus and within walking distance to the city’s main amenities.

“The accommodation at the University was perfect, very clean and quiet, and at the same time close to the city centre.”
Menus for every occasion

We understand the impact that good food can have on your event, and that’s why we work closely with our in-house catering team to ensure your attendees are provided with outstanding food and excellent service.

We offer knowledge and support on the catering options available and recognise that each event is different. Our menus are designed to suit a variety of tastes, diets and budgets, whilst providing both quality and value for money.

"It was great, the staff delivering the food were lovely and polite, and the food itself was very well received. We had some fantastic feedback regarding the catering."
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