

Accessibility Guide Day One



This guide outlines accessibility information for the venues hosting the ICOM UK 2026 Annual Conference for Day One – Thursday 16th April.

If you have any questions about accessibility or would like to discuss how we can make the event more inclusive, please feel free to contact us at: conference@icomuk.org



Day 1 - Conference at Oxford Natural History Museum



Venue Address:

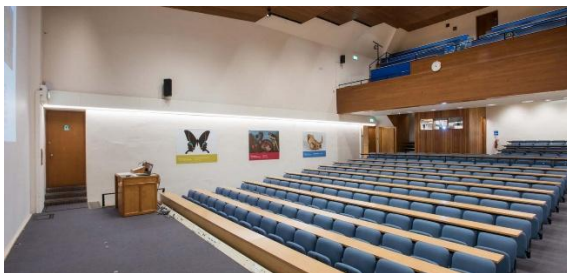
Oxford Natural History Museum
Parks Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire,
OX1 3PW



What3Words:

piano.cracks.images

The main conference will be held in the Museum Lecture Theatre.



The sponsor marketplace will be held in the Westwood Room.





Is blue badge parking available?

There are two on-site parking spaces for blue badge parking holders located at the entrance of the museum. Parking is done on a first come first serve basis. Use the postcode SW7 5BD on either Google Maps or Sat Nav to locate the carpark.

Blue Badge parking is also located on Keble Road and Wadham College. Both sites require a 10-minute walk to the museum. For Google Maps or Sat Nav, use OX1 3RH for the Keble Road location and OX1 3PN for the Wadham College Location. To view a map of Oxford blue badge parking please go to <https://www.accessguide.ox.ac.uk/files/oxfordparkingmap.pdf>

Parking is free for the Museum's location however, both the Keble Road and Wadham College locations follow the pay and display system. For more information, please check the website: [Oxfordshire City Council](#)



Are guide dogs allowed?

Guide dogs are welcome in the venue.

Are there lifts?



Lifts are located throughout the venue. These are located at the entrance of the museum at the front of the main building. The second lift located in the museum at the upper court leading to the exhibition area of the museum where the Conference will be held in the Lecture Theatre and Westwood Room.

Are there accessible toilets?



There are two accessible toilets in the venue. Accessible toilets are located on the lower ground floor which can be reached via a lift.

Please check the [access map](#) for all locations.



Is there a dedicated quiet area?

Yes, a dedicated quiet area will be provided if you need to take a break.



Is there a dedicated prayer space?

There is a dedicated prayer space located at the annexe or the meeting space below the theatre.

Will there be support on the day?



On the day, the ICOM team as well as the Oxford Museum of Natural History team will be located throughout the venue. If anyone requires any assistance or support throughout the day, please don't hesitate to approach a team member.



For more information, please check the [access guide](#) provided by the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Day 1 Evening Reception at The Ashmolean Museum



Venue Address:
 The Ashmolean Museum
 Beaumont Street, Oxford,
 OX1 2PH

What3Words:
 jungle.cycles.mice



Is there an accessible entrance?

The main entrance has both stepped and ramp access located directly to the front of the entrance on Beaumont Street. The What3Words for the entrance is weep.wacky.mugs. The main entrance additionally has a revolving door and an adjacent powered door for a wheelchair friendly access.

Are there any steps to get into the venue?

There are 7 stairs to get into the front door of the venue, if preferred to use, a ramp is located adjacent to the stairs to enter the venue.



Is blue badge parking available?

There are nine designated blue badge parking spaces with is an easy reach to the museum. Three spaces are located directly outside of the museum, three more opposite the museum close to the Randolph Hotel, two spaces on St Giles, and one space on St John's Street. These spaces cannot be booked and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For Google Maps or Sat Nav, use OX1 2LN for the Randolph Hotel, OX1 3LB for St Giles, and OX1 2LG for St John's Street.

To view a map of Oxford blue badge parking please go to <https://www.accessguide.ox.ac.uk/files/oxfordparkingmappdf>

Parking is free for the museum's location however, the Randolph Hotel, St Giles and St John's locations follow the pay and display system.

For more information, please check the website: [Oxfordshire City Council](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Are there lifts?



Lifts are located throughout the venue providing access to all floors. These are located at the entrance of the museum at the front of the main building. The second lift is located at the atrium which leads to the exhibition area where the Conference will be held in the Headley Lecture Theatre.

Are there accessible toilets?



Accessible toilets are located on the lower ground floor and Floor 4. These can be reached via a lift. Please check the [access map](#) for all locations.



Are guide dogs allowed?

Guide dogs are welcome in the venue.



Is free drinking water available?

Free water will be provided throughout the event. Coffee and tea will also be provided.



Is there a dedicated quiet area?

There is no dedicated quiet area at this venue.



Is there a dedicated prayer space?

A dedicated prayer space can be provided upon request. Please ask a member of the ICOM or Ashmolean team for a prayer space.

Will there be support on the day?



On the day, the ICOM team as well as the Ashmolean team will be located throughout the venue. If anyone requires any assistance or support throughout the day, please don't hesitate to approach a team member.



For more information, please check the [access guide](#) provided by the Ashmolean Museum.