



Europe's largest event focussing on science education professional learning/development - the **ASE Annual Conference** takes place at the University of Nottingham's University Park Campus (NG7 2RD) from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

- Choose from over 200 sessions from the best science education speakers and practitioners - all in one place
- Focus on your school's specific priorities, develop your own subject knowledge and learn from other teachers, technicians and science education experts
- Enjoy fantastic networking opportunities to gain exciting new ideas, approaches and resources that you can share with your whole team
- Explore an unmissable exhibition of science education organisations, full of activities, equipment and resources for science teaching and learning, with exclusive competitions and giveaways

This is an amazing opportunity to engage in cost-effective, subject-specific professional learning and is perfect for all primary science educators, secondary and further education teachers, technicians, trainees and multi-academy trust science colleagues.

**How much does it cost to attend?** One day registration starts from only £25 for Early Career Teacher or Trainee members, £59 for Technician members and an Early Bird price of £115 for ASE teacher members, rising to £149 from 4<sup>th</sup> November. ASE member prices are discounted by 50%. If you haven't already, [join now](#).

**When/where can I buy tickets?** Our most affordable [Early Bird tickets are on sale now](#) until 23:45hrs on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

**Where can I find the programme?** The most up to date information can be found by exploring the [event webpage](#). Explore the [Conference programme here](#) and create your own "attendee" profile and your own personal agenda free of charge! We strongly recommend delegates should download the Sched.com app. ASE no longer prints a Conference Programme.

**What days should I attend?** Delegates can attend for one, two or all three days. There will be dedicated [Teacher Developer](#) day and [International day](#) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January there will be a dedicated [Early Career Teacher](#) day, the timetable for whom will be exclusively suitable for trainees and ECTs - be sure to register for a Friday ticket if this applies to you! Friday also delivers a dedicated programme for [Science Technicians](#). And Friday is also [Post-16](#) day. Presentations for [primary](#) and [secondary](#) audiences are threaded throughout all three days. [Explore the full programme](#) to make your personal agendas!

**Can I buy a ticket just to visit the exhibition?** There are no exhibition-only tickets available.

**Will there be any social events?** The ASE reception (free to attend for Conference participants) takes place on Thursday at 17:30 with an extended PAYG bar open until 21:30. On Friday at 7pm in Trent Building, there's our Curry and Quiz, also with a PAYG bar 'til late. Tickets are available [on Eventbrite](#).



Other networking lunches and receptions (usually sponsored) will take place throughout the three days, some free to attend for all and others by invitation only for specific audiences (e.g. technicians or physics teachers). New for the 2026 Conference and by popular demand, we have arranged optional catered networking lunches on Friday for Primary and for 11-19 educators at a cost of £14.50 for a sandwich lunch with cold drinks so if you'd like to participate, please book your ticket. Please view the [conference programme](#) for the most up to date information.

**I've not been before – will there be anything to support newcomers?** First-time visitors should make themselves known to HQ staff on the registration desk, who will put them in touch with appropriate committee members to ensure they are supported. There are also a series of “Meet and Greet” committee members at the end of most days, along with daily [“Chair Chats”](#) (the Chair Trio for the Association). A small orange dot will be applied to the delegate badges of known first-timers!

**What's my membership number?** For member rates, you need to be an active member of the Association. Your new membership ID number can be found in the top righthand corner on your [My Account](#) page of the ASE website after logging in (the numbers issued from the old system that start with an M are no longer valid). If you're not yet a member and would like to get the best conference rates, you can [join online](#) or over the phone on 01707 283000.

**When will I receive my ticket/delegate badge?** All delegate badges will be provided daily at the registration desks at Conference, within the Pope building in Room A15 ([see link for campus map](#) – we are using buildings numbered 22/27/28/36/54 for CPD sessions). Please ensure you provide evidence of your booking with your order number at registration (this will be on your Eventbrite booking). Registration will open at 07:45 each day.

**What's the refund policy?** Cancellation of registrations before 20th November 2025 will incur a 5% cancellation charge. After this date no refunds can be made.

**In which areas of University Park campus does the ASE Conference take place?** We are using the Buildings Pope (27) / Coates (36) / George Green Library (24) / Engineering and Science Learning (54) / Chemistry (28) / Physics (22) for conference sessions. Trent Building (11) will be used for evening social events. All are numbered on the attached Nottingham Conference Delegate Map. Once in the “quad” where the buildings are located, the maximum walking distance between buildings is under 5 minutes.

**Where can I stay?** Student halls are available on a B&B basis in [Rutland Hall](#), at £54.00 per night including ensuite facilities, 20 minutes' walk from the event location, and adjacent to the Orchard Hotel. Please book directly using the hyperlink above.

Rooms are also available at the [Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre](#) at a B&B rate of £92.00 per night single occupancy or £104.00 per night double occupancy, which is on another site close by. Apply the discount code **ASEJCC26** to benefit from a discount at the online checkout. Participants will need to catch the Hoppr bus to the University Park campus.

Guests staying Orchard Hotel, Rutland Hall or Jubilee Hotel are entitled to free parking on those sites for the duration of their stays.

**How do I get there?** The ASE Annual Conference 2026 is using the buildings Pope, Coates, Engineering and Science Learning, Physics and Chemistry, with the evening social activities in Trent. There is a delegate map attached under the Files link on the [ASE webpage](#). Please link to the [Notts Uni visitor information](#) for advice on travel and parking.



**Road:** A link to the Google map can be [found here](#) – please follow the Sat Nav postcode NG7 2RD. Further information can be found on the [Nottingham University website for University Park Campus](#). Day delegates are advised to use the North Entrance and guests staying in Orchard Hotel or Rutland Hall are advised to enter the campus via the West Entrance.

**Parking:** Please park in one of the pay and display car parks which are highlighted on the Campus map attached under the Files tab on the event webpage (the Main Visitors Car Park is the best one to use). The cost will be £10.00 per day. Please ask the advice of The Gatehouse staff upon arrival. There are accessible parking spaces also available. The campus map for car parking can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/sharedresources/documents/mapuniversitypark.pdf](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sharedresources/documents/mapuniversitypark.pdf). ASE will also produce a //what3words document for ease of reference, a link to which can be found at the foot of the [ASE 2026 Annual Conference webpage](#) after October half-term.

Further information can be found at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/estates/security/carparking/home.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/estates/security/carparking/home.aspx)

**EV charging points:** It will cost 44p per Kwh to use the charging points. There are two car parks with EV charging points; University Park in the Main Visitor Car Park (10 points) and on Beeston Lane, near the David Ross Sports village (2 points). These are Type 2 charge points which are a combination of 7.4kW fully rated and load balanced charge points. They are available for use 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The maximum vehicle charging time is 4 hours, then you must move your vehicle to a normal parking space so that others can use the charging point. Fuller information can be found on the [Notts Uni webpage](#).

The [Robin Hood card](#) can be used all across Nottingham's bus, tram and train network, making it simple and hassle free to get around Nottingham. [Further information can be found on the webpage](#).

**Rail:** Regular train services operate between Nottingham Station and London St Pancras, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield. Trains can be taken from destinations within the East Midlands region such as Derby, Leicester and Lincoln. There is a direct access to the trams at Nottingham Rail Station within a couple of minutes' walk of alighting the train - see further information below under the Trams heading. More detailed information can be found on the [Nottingham University webpage](#).

**Air:** [East Midlands airport](#) is the nearest airport to the University of Nottingham.

**Bus/Coach:** A number of bus services run in partnership with Nottingham City Transport – [please visit the webpage to find out more](#). Coaches are often a cheaper alternative to rail travel and run all over the UK. Nottingham's National Express coach station is within Broad Marsh bus station, from where coaches to London, Birmingham and Leeds can be caught directly. Find out more about [National express](#). Nottingham is also served by [Megabus](#) and [Flixbus](#) coach services, which use the Greyfriars Gate bus stops in Nottingham city Centre.

**Trams:** The Trams operate a "Buy before you Board" travel scheme at each tram stop. Participants will need to use the stops in the [QMC Zone](#) at either Queens Medical Centre, University of Nottingham or University Boulevard. The tram stops can be viewed in green on the attached Nottingham University Delegate Map.

Use University Boulevard for a 15-minute walk to Orchard Hotel or either of the other 2 stops to take you straight to the Conference buildings.

**Where can I find refreshments onsite?** A pop-up café will offer hot and cold drinks and light snacks in each of the 2 Exhibition halls, between the hours of 08:00 to 17:00, or 15:00 on Saturday. There are vending machines located in the foyer of Pope building which operate both with cash and contactless cards. Hot meals and sandwiches along with a selection of drinks, will be available in the cafeteria foyer area of the Engineering and Science Learning building each from 08:00 each day to 17:00 (15:00 on Saturday) and payments can be made with either cash or card. Similarly, the same variety can be found in the George Green Library café, same opening hours.

There will also be a mobile catering van at the rear of the Engineering and Science Learning building (near the outdoor seating area), providing a variety of hot and cold food and drinks (look for a chrome caravan!) There is also food and drink outlets open in the George Green Library and in Portland Building but on Thursday and Friday only. The Spar shop in Portland building will be open on Thursday and Friday between 10:00 and 16:00.

**Where can I pray or find some quiet time onsite?** There are prayer rooms in Portland Building on the E floor. Please refer to the campus map for further details of the location of the venue.

**How do I find out more about additional needs or disability support?** Please visit the [University of Nottingham's webpage](#) to find out more.

**Are there minimum age requirements to enter the event?** Only those over 18 are permitted to attend Conference.

**Can I view a list of delegates in advance?** Apologies but this is not possible for ASE Annual Conference 2026.

**Bathroom facilities:** There are male/female/gender-neutral toilets on campus, in addition to accessible toilets. Regrettably, there are no baby changing facilities in the teaching venues.

**Internet Access:** Make sure the wireless network adapter is activated on your device. If you are in range, your device should automatically connect to the UoN guest network. If not, find "UoN-guest" in the list of wireless connections available and select this network. If it is not listed, please move the device until you are in range. Open your web browser and browse to any unsecure website such as [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) – the UoN-guest wireless login page will appear.

If you have already created an account, click the link to log in, otherwise follow the on-screen instructions to register for an account. You will be sent a confirmation email to the email address you requested access with., You have ten minutes to read and confirm your access. If you do not validate your account, then it will be deleted, and your device will be disconnected. Once you have confirmed your account, disconnection and reconnection will be available for 7 days. Participants familiar with using Eduroam will also be able to use their normal access at UoN.

**Left Luggage** will be in Pope Room A23 adjacent to registration – please [visit Sched](#) for details. For any lost property queries, please visit the Registration Desk in Pope A15 in the first instance and talk to a member of the ASE team.

**First Aid:** A representative from a first-aid provider will be onsite for the duration of the event and will be located in Pope A15 at registration. Should you require assistance, please alert one of the registration team in Pope A15, or one of the ASE Volunteers in a purple tabbard, who will contact one of the event team or first-aid team directly. Alternatively, a member of the University of Nottingham's Security team should be able to help



**Assembly points on University Park Campus** Should there be a requirement to evacuate any buildings during Conference, all attendees will be required to vacate the buildings. The fire assembly point is located on the grassed area outside the School of Physics. A member of the University of Nottingham Estates Team will oversee a building evacuation if required.

**Other useful information:**

Nottingham tourist Information, 1 Smithy Row, Nottingham NG1 2BY. Tel: 0844 477 5678.  
[www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk](http://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk)

Queens Medical Centre is located half a mile from the venue.

*Getting around Nottingham is simple - there is a range of amenities accessible by public transport from University Park Campus. A short tram or bus journey into the city centre where there are plenty of restaurants and bars, theatres, a cinema and Nottingham's famous Lace Market Area.*

For further queries please email [conferences@ase.org.uk](mailto:conferences@ase.org.uk)