



**ASSOCIATION FOR  
SCIENCE EDUCATION**

Europe's largest event focussing on science education professional learning/development - the **ASE Annual Conference** takes place at the University of Northampton's Waterside Campus from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

- Choose from over 250 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 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 £123 for teachers with special reduced rates of £25 for Early Career Teacher members, and £49 for Technician members.

There will be a dedicated Early Career Teacher day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, with a timetable exclusively suitable for ECT/Trainees - be sure to register for your ticket if this applies to you!

**Our most affordable Early Bird tickets will be on sale until 23:45 on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please note that registration will stay open for the duration of the conference, but participants will need to check-in at registration desks upon arrival each day before entry to the main conference sessions.

Up to 50% discounted passes for ASE members ([if you haven't already, join now](#))

**Programme:** Visit our online digital programme Sched at <https://2024aseannualconference.sched.com/> and view the timetable. Create your own "attendee" profile and your own personal agenda free of charge!

## FAQ'S

**Where can I find further information about the event?** The most up-to-date information can be found by exploring the [webpage](#)

**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.



**How can I contact the organiser with any questions?** Please email [conferences@ase.org.uk](mailto:conferences@ase.org.uk) with any enquiries or call us on 01707 283000.

**Are there minimum age requirements to enter the event?** Yes. Students accompanying teachers as part of Saturday's Schools Exhibition are permitted entry to that event and also to the Dinosaur Keynote at 14:15. Unfortunately children are not permitted to attend other events throughout Conference.

**When will I receive my ticket/delegate badge?** All delegate badges will be provided daily at the registration desks at Conference, within the Learning Hub building. Please ensure you provide evidence of your Eventbrite booking with your order number at registration. Registration will open at 07:30 on each day.

**What's the refund policy?** Cancellation of registration before 22nd November 2023 will incur a 5% cancellation charge (30 working days before the event). After this date no refunds can be made.

**How do I find out more about additional needs or disability support?** Please visit the [accessibility link](#) to find out more.

**What are my transport and accommodation options for the event?** Please visit the travel and parking for visitors on the UoN webpage at <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/student-life/travel-and-parking/visitors/>

Further information on road links to Northampton can be found [here](#) The Waterside Campus sat nav postcode to use is NN1 5PH.

**Rail:** Northampton train station (NN1 1SP) is one mile from Waterside Campus and is opposite the Innovation Centre – it takes between 10 and 15 minutes to walk or cycle to Waterside Campus. From Northampton, there are regular trains to London Euston and Birmingham New Street. More information can be found on the link above.

**Air:** The best airports to use are London Luton (40 miles), Birmingham (45 miles) or East Midlands (54 miles).

**Bus:** The University's Uno bus services link Waterside Campus with Northampton train and bus stations and the park and ride, as well as various destinations throughout Northampton town. Other bus operators include Stagecoach and National Express providing links from the bus station or Victoria Street coach park.

Further information regarding bus and train services can be found [here](#)

**Park and Ride** (Sixfields – NN5 5JR). Pre booking is not required. There is ample free parking available from Monday to Friday only (no weekend parking). The only fee required is for the Uno 18 bus. The bus stop is situated just outside the car park entrance and goes directly to Waterside Campus. The fare is £2.70 return payable via contactless or by producing the exact fare. The bus journey takes 10-15 minutes and runs frequently between 07:00 and 20:30.

**Car Parking at Waterside:** Please download the RinGo app for use on site at Waterside Campus (sat nav NN1 5PH) the University code covering all parking is 24700. Alternatively, you may pay using a bank card at the machine on site. Delegates are requested to use Car Parks 1 and 4. Rates:



Free for first 30 minutes  
£1 for up to 3 hours  
£2 for up to 6 hours  
£3 for the whole day (between midnight and midnight)  
£0.50 for evening only (5pm to midnight)  
£1 for overnight (5pm to 7am)  
On Saturday and Sunday the tariff is £1 all day (24 hours from midnight)

Delegates should use Car Parks 1 (NN1 5PH) and 4 (NN4 8RR). Payment and parking is linked via ANPR cameras so there is no need to display a ticket in your vehicle. To top-up parking, users either need to revisit the payment machine with a bank card or use the digital RinGo facility.

Please note that Car Park 2 (NN1 5PH) provides a guaranteed reservation facility – there are a limited number of spaces available. The same fees apply as per the rates above. Please click on the link [here](#) to reserve your space (at least 48 hours in advance). Motorbikes are not charged for parking at Waterside Campus.

If you are a blue badge holder or require help with accessibility please visit the University webpage at <https://www.accessible.co.uk/university-of-northampton/access-guides/> - if you specify this on the Waterside booking form, access will be provided to cover all four car parks at Waterside. Blue badge holders are exempt from parking charges but need to register their vehicles within 24 hours of their planned stay. Please email [parking@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:parking@northampton.ac.uk) – proof of Blue Badge is required.

There is limited availability of electric charging points at Waterside. Anyone requesting to use this facility will need to make arrangements in advance – please contact one of stewards who will contact one of the Conference Team to help.

*Please note that guests using Sunley Hotel are entitled to free parking for the duration of their stay only, on a first-come first-served basis. Please note that there is no guarantee of car parking spaces and guests are advised to pre-book their parking through the hotel with their room booking.*

## [Location and map](#)

### **Hotels**

#### [Northampton Town Centre Hotel – Northampton's most central hotel](#)

The Northampton Town Centre Hotel (NN1 2TA) was previously known as a Park Inn and has parking on site. It is about a 15-minute walk to Waterside Campus and is based in the Town Centre, adjacent to the bus station and taxi rank. B&B rates on offer for ASE delegates are £95 per night for single occupancy and £105 for double occupancy.

[The Sunley Hotel](#) is a small hotel onsite at UoN's Waterside Campus and offers B&B rooms from £85 per night.

[The Premier Inn Northampton Town Centre](#) is a 5-minute walk from Waterside Campus (however there is no parking available at the hotel – you can park your car on Waterside Campus for the duration of the Conference if it helps).

[Hilton Hotel Northampton](#) – Bed & Breakfast is available on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January for single occupancy at £88 per room per night or double occupancy for £98 per room per night. Hilton has reserved 20 standard double bedrooms for ASE on a first-come, first served basis, until 4<sup>th</sup> December or until reservations meet the maximum – whichever comes first. Cancellation policy is 24 hours prior to arrival. Car parking is an additional £5 per day.



**Waterside Campus** [Take a virtual tour of the Waterside Campus](#) The ASE Annual Conference is using 2 buildings – Creative Hub and Learning Hub.

**Where can I find refreshments onsite?** The UoN caters for a wide range of specific dietary requirements and should you be unable to find what you need, please talk to a member of the catering staff. Please note that all catering outlets are cashless.

[Waterside Restaurant and Bar](#). Situated at the foot of the Learning Hub looking out over the river this bar has a relaxed atmosphere and a range of food and drink options. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 11.30 am to 10.00pm. There is a student-friendly menu offering value for money on all its food and drinks, and there is also a pool table, dart board and Nintendo Switches available for use by all. They also do great takeaway pizzas! More information including menu options can be found [here](#).

[The Market Restaurant](#) can be found on the ground floor of the Learning Hub and is most easily accessible via the doors opposite Sunley Hotel. This lovely restaurant provides a wide range of hot meals and snacks, as well as sandwiches/cakes, etc. Don't forget to look up above the serving area to the [Market Restaurant Balcony](#) – there's a lovely lounge area to catch up with friends over a bite to eat or a cuppa! Opening hours are 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

[The Ground Café](#) is located on Level One of the Learning Hub at Waterside Campus and provides a quick grab and go sandwich or sweet treat, along with a selection of hot and cold drinks. It offers amazing deals on sandwiches and cakes with coffee or tea, so be sure to pay it a visit! Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm.

The pop-up café on the ground floor of the Creative Hub will provide a range of hot and cold drinks and sandwiches or cakes/pastries, for those wandering the exhibition or looking to visit SAPS and CLEAPSS upstairs for their drop-in sessions. It will operate during Conference hours, so from each day from Thursday at 8am until 5.30pm and will close on Saturday at 3.30pm.

There is also a McColl's shop on site next door to the Creative Hub (where cash may be used, as well as cards). Opening Hours are Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 18:00hrs and there is a cashpoint outside the shop.

Vending machines are also located on the Creative Hub ground floor and on the first floor of the Learning Hub (these take cashless payments).

**Where can I pray or find some quiet time onsite?** The Multi-Faith Centre is located between the Sunley Hotel and Creative Hub at Waterside Campus. It works for the benefit of all visitors regardless of faith, belief, sexuality or gender. Everyone is welcome to drop in at any time to talk, meet with others, pray or simply enjoy some quiet time. Opening hours are between 07:00 and 19:00 hrs for the ASE Conference.

**Bathroom facilities** on site are designated for male / female / accessible / mother & baby / everyone

**Internet Access** When on Waterside Campus, please access UoN Guest WiFi. Open your browser to be taken to the Sign-up/Log-in page and follow the online instructions to join the network.

**Left Luggage** and **Lost Property** will be assigned specific rooms in due course.



**First Aid:** A representative from St John's Ambulance will be onsite for the duration of the event, location to be confirmed shortly. Should you require assistance, please alert one of the ASE Stewards or Volunteers in a yellow sweatshirt, who will contact one of the event team or SJA directly. Alternatively, a member of the UoN Security team should be able to help. Defibrillators and Critical Bleed Kits are located in the Creative Hub outside the main entrance (left hand side) and in the Learning Hub outside the main entrance (right hand side).

**Assembly points on Waterside Campus** Should there be a requirement to evacuate any buildings during Conference, the following assembly points will apply to all participants:

Creative Hub: Northwest Lawn or Nene Square

Learning Hub: Waterside Place or Delapre Lawn

Sunley Hotel: Delapre Square

### **Other useful information**

[Northampton General Hospital details](#): main telephone number 01604 545610/545601

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<https://delapreabbey.org/about-us>

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