



ADCS Annual Conference, 9 – 11 July 2025 The Midland Hotel, Manchester

FAQs

Who can attend the conference?

The ADCS Annual Conference is a members' only conference. It is not possible to attend if you are not an ADCS member. For more information on ADCS membership please visit <https://www.adcs.org.uk/membership/>

The ADCS Annual Conference does not offer any sponsorship, nor exhibition opportunities.

What are the booking options?

Residential and non-residential options are available; please refer to the booking form for details.

Residential bookings include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and overnight accommodation at the Midland Hotel as detailed in the relevant package on the booking form.

If you wish to book as a non-residential delegate and secure your own accommodation at an alternative hotel, please note that Manchester city centre hotels are booking up very quickly due to several high profile concerts and events taking place across the city. As a result, many of the budget hotels have increased their rates accordingly.

What time does the conference start and finish?

Wednesday 9 July: registration opens from 10.30am for DCS-only sessions
Lunch will be available from approximately 11.45am until 1.00pm. The first session begins promptly at 1.00pm.

Thursday 10 July: registration opens from 9.00am for All Members sessions
The first session will start promptly at 11:00am. The conference concludes at lunchtime on Friday 11 July. A take-away lunch will be available.

Will there be any workshops?

There will be one block of workshops held on Thursday afternoon. All confirmed delegates will receive an email mid-June with the workshop programme and encouraged to confirm which workshop they wish to attend. Those who have not submitted their preference will have the opportunity to sign up for a workshop on the day.

Is there a dress code?

Delegates are advised to wear business-dress for daytime conference sessions.

Please note, the Midland hotel is a grade II listed building with air conditioning throughout, however, it is difficult to regulate the temperature within the main conference room where all plenary sessions will be held. Therefore, delegates may wish to bring a light jacket or cardigan.

The Wednesday evening dress code is smart/casual. Thursday evening dress code is smart.

Do I need to confirm dietary requirements?

Wednesday and Thursday lunches will be buffet style with options to cater for most diets e.g. vegetarian, vegan, pescatarian, or gluten free. On Friday, a packed lunch will be provided for delegates to take away.

There will be a set menu at dinner on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings; dietary requirements (including vegetarian meals) will only be provided based on prior notice. Please note there are no seating plans at dinner on either night.

What should I do if I have any specific requirements?

If you have any access requirements, i.e. audio, visual, or mobility, please contact Rebecca Denny, ADCS Events & Communications Officer, at rebecca.denny@adcs.org.uk.

To ensure your needs are met, it is important we have advance notice of your requirements as it may mean specific equipment will need to be requested/hired in advance of the event.

Information regarding the hotel's accessibility provision is available on the [hotel's website](#).

Does the hotel have Wi-Fi?

Free wi-fi is available throughout the hotel.

How do I get to the hotel?

The Midland Hotel is located in Manchester city centre at 16 Peter Street, Manchester, M60 2DS. Directions and travel information can be found on the [hotel website](#).

By train/tram (Metrolink):

The nearest tram stop is St Peter's Square (opposite Manchester Central Library) which is across the road from the hotel. There are three mainline train stations that serve Manchester city centre, each are a short walk from the hotel: Piccadilly train station (15 minutes' walk), Victoria train station (10 minutes' walk), and Oxford Road train station (5 minutes' walk).

There are taxi ranks available at all three train stations.

By car:

The hotel does not have a dedicated car park. The nearest car park is the NCP Manchester Central (M2 3GX). Please refer to the [hotel's website](#) for information on the latest discounts available for car parking, alternatively contact the hotel direct.

By plane:

Manchester International Airport is approx. 8 miles outside of the city centre. Trains and buses connect the airport to the city centre. Taxis are also available.