

## NICEC Conference 2024: Career and Sustainability (Tue 02 & Wed 03 Jul 2024)

### Practical Information for in person attendees

Please find below notes with practical information for your trip to Birmingham, including further details about the venue, accessibility, catering, accommodation, eating out, travel and things to do, For further information about accommodation, travel within the UK or the venue itself, please contact the **studio's** team who will be happy to assist (contact details under (1) below). For other Conference enquiries, please email [info@nicec.org](mailto:info@nicec.org).

#### 1. Venue

<https://thestudio.co.uk/> (please click "our venues" and select "birmingham")

7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP

Telephone: **0121 634 2800**

Online enquiry form: <https://thestudio.co.uk/contact/>

#### 2. Accessibility, catering and dietary requirements

The venue is over 4 floors with lifts to all floors. The spaces on each floor are on one level and laid out with plenty of space, but please contact the **studio** to discuss any specific needs.

Catering during the conference will be in the **studio's** refreshment area which is kept topped up throughout the day with a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks including gluten-free and vegan. Please call the **studio** with any other needs.

Lunch each day will be a two-course chef's choice hot buffet including vegetarian options.

#### 3. Accommodation

There is plentiful accommodation within a mile of the venue.

the **studio** has preferential rates with five recommended hotels listed below.

Please click <https://thestudio.co.uk/venues/birmingham/hotels-accommodation/>

and fill in the form to ask the **studio** to check availability for you. The form allows you to add notes e.g. special requirements, preferred choice.

##### Low-mid range:

- Penta Hotel
- Staybridge Suites Birmingham
- Holiday Inn Express Birmingham Snow Hill

##### More luxurious:

- The Grand Hotel
- Clayton Hotel

See **Appendix** for a list of additional list of other hotels in the area, along with links to generic booking websites.

#### 4. UK Travel

A map, parking details (including disabled) and What Three Words can be found at <https://thestudio.co.uk/venues/birmingham/map-directions/>.

Whilst the closest railway station is Birmingham New Street, the **studio** is just 0.3 miles from Moor Street and 0.2 miles from Snow Hill. Online rail ticket booking sites are available, e.g. [www.trainline.com](http://www.trainline.com), [www.trainpal.com](http://www.trainpal.com). If your journey is with a single rail provider, you can book direct on their web site. Early booking discounts will be available.

*Tip: the cheapest options may be restricted to the exact train time entered, so be careful if you need flexibility.*

For national coach (bus) travel, see [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com). Prices are usually cheaper and less variable than rail prices, and the web site also offers the facility to book a hotel deal at the same time.

Secure bicycle storage is available at the **studio** – just ask at Reception on arrival.

#### 5. International Travel

The nearest airport is Birmingham – see <https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/>. A free Air-Rail Link monorail will take you to Birmingham International Station, from which there are direct rail links to Birmingham New Street Station, 0.1 miles from the **studio**.

Heathrow and Gatwick offer direct transport links to Birmingham (approx. 3 - 5 hours by coach or 2.5 hours by train). Travelling to Birmingham from other UK airports may involve lengthy journeys with several changes. Individual airport websites will have more details.

#### 6. Eating out

NICEC is offering a Conference Dinner on Tue 02 July; please book via the [events page](#).

Birmingham city centre, where the **studio** and surrounding hotels are located, offer plentiful places to eat. As a multicultural city, Birmingham is renowned for its variety of cuisines. To explore places to eat, go to <https://visitbirmingham.com/food-and-drink/restaurants>.

#### 7. Things to do

If you are making the Conference part of a longer trip, you will find out more about what to see and do in Birmingham at <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/england/the-midlands/birmingham> or <https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do>.

Birmingham is in the centre of England, allowing easy access to other parts of the country. The nearest high profile tourist destination is Stratford-upon-Avon and the Cotswolds. Please note that outside of main cities, England's public transport network is poor, so car hire is recommended if wishing to explore rural areas. The [Lonely Planet](#) guide will provide a good starting point for planning a longer trip.

## Appendix: Other Hotels

Below is a list of 2\*/3\* hotels in the area (taken from [www.Trivago.co.uk](http://www.Trivago.co.uk) 04 Jan 2024). NICEC cannot comment on the relative quality of these hotels, but this list is provided for your convenience.

Other booking sites are available e.g. [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com).

Alternatively, look up the hotel name on your internet search engine and book direct.

*Tip: be careful when booking with the hotel chains that have several options in the area to check the precise hotel name.*

Within half a mile of the **studio**:

- Premier Inns: Birmingham City Centre New Street Station (closest), Birmingham City Centre Bridge St,
- Travelodges: Birmingham Central Bullring, Central New Street, Central, Central Moore Street
- Hotel ibis: budget Birmingham Centre, Styles Birmingham Centre, Birmingham Centre New Street
- Bloc Birmingham
- easyHotel Birmingham
- Aparthotel Adagio Birmingham City Centre
- Hotel The Briar Rose (very close)
- Holiday Inn Birmingham City Centre
- AC Hotel by Marriott Birmingham
- Crowne Plaza Birmingham City Centre
- Hotel Indigo Birmingham – an IHG Hotel
- Malmaison Birmingham

Within half to one mile of the **studio**:

- Hampton by Hilton Birmingham Broadway
- The Moseley Arms
- Old Crown Hotel
- The Fountain Inn
- Leonardo Royal Hotel Birmingham
- The Duke of Wellington
- The Priory Hereford