



AAT Annual Conference Event information

15 – 16 May, Birmingham

Venue

The AAT Annual Conference is taking place at the Hilton, Birmingham Metropole:

Hilton Birmingham Metropole

National Exhibition Centre Birmingham B40 1PP

Transport

Birmingham International train station and airport is situated on the same complex as the Hilton, and both are around a five minute walk away. A map of how to walk from the station to the hotel can be viewed by **clicking here**.

A taxi rank is based outside the station and will take you just a few minutes.

Shuttle bus service

Hilton Hotel provides a regular complimentary shuttle bus service to and from Birmingham International train station. A phone marked Hilton is situated next to Subway and will connect you straight to the reception at the hotel who will then arrange the pick-up.

This service can then be arranged for your return to the train station via the concierge desk in reception.

Car

The hotel has 559 parking places which are available on a first come first served basis. Parking is £6.00 per car for the duration of your stay. You'll need to collect your parking ticket from the AAT registration desk on arrival to ensure you get the discounted rate of £6.00.

Registration

On arrival please make your way to the registration desk which will be located in the main reception of the hotel. The registration and information desk will be open at the following times:

Friday – 10:00 – 17:30 Saturday – 08:30 – 16:30

Key timings

Friday

10:00 – Exhibition opens (please note the online programme states 11:00, this has has now been updated to 10:00)

12:00 - Lunch

13:30 - Conference opens

17:10 - Conference closes

Saturday

08:30 - Exhibition opens

08:50 - Conference opens

12:15 - Lunch

16:00 - Conference closes

Conference dinner (residential package attendee only)

The conference dinner and drinks reception on Friday evening is included in the full residential package. For those of you on a non-residential package the drinks reception and dinner provides a fantastic opportunity to network with your fellow members and can be added to your booking for just £65.

Bringing guests to the Annual Conference

Guests of Annual Conference attendees are very welcome to stay on the Friday night and attend the drinks reception and gala dinner. Bed and breakfast for guests is just an additional £12 and they can attend the drinks reception and dinner for £65. Please note that double occupancy bedrooms and guest places at the dinner must be booked in advance of the event. Email the events team at aat.aat.conference@aat.org.uk to find out more and book a guest.

Accommodation

Rooms will be single or twin for single occupancy. If people wish to secure a double room they can pay for double occupancy

Check-in and luggage storage

Check-in will be on Friday afternoon and further details will be given at the event.

Attendees can store their luggage at the hotel on Friday morning and again on Saturday when they have checked out.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the Boulevard restaurant on Saturday morning from 7.30am.

Leisure facilities

Residential guests will be given complimentary access to the hotel swimming pool and LivingWell health club. Guests will also receive a 25% discount in the Ocean Rooms Spa, if you would like to book a treatment before you arrive please call 01412222780, stating the code AAT20. Please note appointments are subject to availability.

Extending your stay at the Hilton hotel

If you would like to extend your weekend and stay overnight on Thursday 14 May or Saturday 16 May, please contact the Hilton reservations team on **0121 780 4242**.

Please make sure you let the hotel know you're already staying over on Friday 15 May, this will then ensure you're allocated the same bedroom.

Conference App

Download the Annual Conference app - Search for **AAT conference** in your app store, or go to **eventmobi.com/aatconference** on your smartphone and follow the instructions.

Log in - Enter your email address and create a password. You can then see your personalised programme (if you've submitted your workshop choices to us), or set one up yourself.

Update your profile - Add a photo, update your job details and share your interests and goals so other attendees can find out about you.

See who else is attending - Why not drop other attendees a secure private message? It's a great way to meet new people and you could make some useful business connections.

Follow our speakers and exhibitors – many of our speakers and exhibitors share useful information on Twitter, so extend your network by following them today. You can also tweet that you're attending by clicking here.

We will be in touch nearer the time with further details, however in the meantime if you have any questions please email aat.conference@aat.org.uk.







