

MANCHESTER



GUADDEC 2017





Sam Thursfield

Dear GNOME Foundation Board,

On behalf of our Local Organising Committee and the City of Manchester, I am delighted to officially submit our bid to host GUADEC European Conference 2017 here in the wonderful city of Manchester. The team putting this bid together is in the process of reaching out to the local Free Software community in Manchester and the wider GNOME community in the UK to find more volunteers committed to support the organization of the event.

Proposed dates:

Friday 28 July – Wednesday 2 August 2017

Manchester is a city which has grown from the first industrial city, the home of the ‘Peppered Moth’, the first ‘test-tube’ baby and splitting of the atom, to be the central hub of the “Powerhouse of the North” of England – an influential, modern, knowledge-based city amongst the top European locations for science, healthcare, education, business and leisure. Manchester continues to lead in many aspects of science and has been named European City of Science for 2016.

Manchester is a thriving hub for culture, sport and music, offering entertainment for all tastes with numerous art galleries & museums, its own music scene and two of the most renowned football teams in the world. Compact, it allows easy access to the conference venue, hotels, bars, restaurants and other attractions on foot. The city’s trams and free Metroshuttle bus system also offer a fast and efficient way to navigate the city centre.

Located in the centre of the UK, Manchester benefits from excellent road, rail and air links, which allow easy access for delegates from all over the world. Manchester Airport serves over 225 worldwide destinations non-stop, allowing easy access for delegates from Europe, North America, the Middle East and the Far East.

Manchester will provide the ideal backdrop for the conference. The Brooks academic building is one of the most impressive of its kind in Europe, with outstanding specialist facilities and spacious public areas. The largest space in the building is the multi-purpose hall, with retractable seating for up to 300 people. Excellent public transport links to the city’s rail stations, metro stops and bus connections make it easy to travel around.

We have a strong digital community around software, users and developers, and we aim to combine the best aspects of our city with a superb programme that will help advance our field. We truly believe that the UK and Manchester will provide a superb platform for an exceptional digital, cultural and social event which will be a huge success for GUADEC.

We hope you enjoy reading our bid. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if we may be of assistance in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Thursfield
Javier Jardón

Software Developers

Codethink Ltd Manchester

Alberto Ruiz

Engineering Manager

Red Hat

10 Reasons to hold GUADEC 2017 in Manchester

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Strong digital credentials

- Faculty with leading researchers with international reputation in technology.
- A proud UK heritage in technology, media and software.
- Manchester is European City of Science 2016.
- First-class region for higher education, with over 18 universities and half a million students.



A globally accessible city

- Manchester Airport offers over 225 non-stop routes around the world, including Beijing, Hong Kong, the Middle East and 15 routes to North America.
- A compact city centre with all amenities within walking distance and a [free bus network](#).



An exciting social programme

- We are keen to deliver a memorable social programme for all participants, reflecting the traditions and local heritage of Manchester and



A family-friendly city

- Extensive facilities for families, including self-catering apartments, child-friendly restaurants and inspirational attractions.



Cutting edge facilities

- Home to MediaCityUK - the heart of the UK's **media** and digital industries
- Investment opportunities around media production, software development, e-commerce and gaming.



A world-class conference venue

- Manchester Metropolitan University offers high-quality, flexible, meeting facilities right in the heart of the city centre.
- The venue can also offer flexibility for various delegate scenarios.



10,000+ bedrooms

- 10,000 bedrooms within the city centre.
- A large choice of affordable accommodation for all delegates' needs, including hotels, hostels and apartments for those travelling with families.



A robust business plan

- An experienced local committee.
- A robust business plan which models a variety of scenarios.
- Affordable registration fees



A supportive city partner

- Our bid has the full support of the City of Manchester, including Manchester's Convention Bureau and Manchester City Council.
- A track-record of hosting successful international scientific meetings.



Lonely Planet "Top 10 City 2016"

- A vibrant, multicultural city which is safe, welcoming and offers value for money.
- Lots to offer visitors including a vast array of attractions, thriving cultural scene and extensive dining options.
- 90+ museums and galleries – most free entry.
- National Parks nearby including the Lake District and Peak District.
- A safe and secure destination.

A positive legacy for GUADEC

A memorable event which has technology at its heart, is fully collaborative and is professionally delivered.

Local Organising Committee

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Sam Thursfield

Sam Thursfield has been a GNOME user and sometimes contributor for over a decade. A graduate of nearby Huddersfield University, he moved to Manchester in 2011 to work for Codethink. He is also a musician and plays with the local band The Rubber Duck Orchestra.

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Alberto Ruiz

Alberto Ruiz has been a GNOME user and contributor for about 12 years. He's originally from Gran Canaria, Spain, and he currently is based in London. He has been working mostly for companies invested in the GNOME community like Sun Microsystems, Codethink, Canonical and Red Hat. Currently he maintains GNOME Calculator, Fleet Commander and Planet GNOME and in his spare time he enjoys playing his guitar, watching TV shows and playing sudoku.

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Javier Jardón

Javier Jardón arrived in Manchester from Vigo, Spain in 2010, during the coldest December ever recorded in the UK. He works for Codethink doing development, systems integration and consulting. A fan of modern code and good build systems, he is part of the GNOME Release Team, and has been a GNOME user since university. Outside work he plays for Manchester Handball Club.

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Manchester has been creating future technologies for over 200 years. From the birth of the Industrial Revolution, to the first modern computer and the isolation of the revolutionary material graphene, the city has innovation and disruption at the core of its DNA.



Most Significant Regional Creative, Digital and Tech Hub

Manchester is the UK's second largest creative, digital and tech hub and one of the leading hubs in Europe. Convergence and collaboration are driving digital innovation and Manchester is at the centre of the action.

Manchester's key strength lies in a network of clusters (MediaCityUK, The Sharp Project, The Northern Quarter, The Corridor) which are home to an exciting mix of creative and tech companies, which through collaboration are breaking down traditional vertical sectors and creating an environment conducive to open innovation and disruption. From TV production to animation, website design to e-commerce, advertising to multimedia communications, Manchester's creative industries are thriving and employ an estimated 70,000 people.



Creative, Digital & Technology Sector

With a reputation for being a city of innovation, Manchester is positioned at the forefront of technology and is leading the way in the digital age. No other European city has invested into this sector more than Manchester with over £3.5 billion of investment made by both the public and private sector in the last few years to ensure that the industry continues to develop and thrive here. £700M has been invested in developing the first phases of the largest purpose built digital and media hub in Europe, MediaCityUK, and more than £60m on the digital infrastructure to support.

Home to a significant cluster of creative industries, Manchester has the creativity, skills, infrastructure and supply chain to sustain and encourage further expansion. This is complemented by key clusters such as MediaCityUK, The Sharp Project, The Northern Quarter and The Corridor which offer low operational costs allowing production companies to explore new ideas in a low risk environment, re-enforcing Manchester's reputation for innovation.



Convergence and collaboration are driving digital innovation and Manchester is at the centre of the action. Manchester's key strength lies in how its various physical and geographical digital clusters collaborate and how they break down traditional vertical sectors, thus creating innovation opportunities around media production, software development, augmented reality, digital health, e-commerce, sports technologies, gaming, data analytics and more.

The success of the UK economy is increasingly dependent on knowledge-based industries and on capabilities in science, technology, innovation and research. Greater Manchester is an undisputed centre of innovation and disruption in the Creative, Digital and Tech sectors, due in no small part to research that is being conducted by centres of excellence within our universities and in collaboration with industry.



The creative, digital and tech sector in Manchester is very broad, covering a wide variety of sub-sectors or clusters from TV and Film production at one end of the spectrum to ICT and enabling technologies at the other. Manchester has two main, overarching strengths that underpin the growth of all sub-sectors including emerging high growth opportunities such as e-health and e-learning:

- High-end content creation
- Complex content & data management and analytics

These key strengths are the cornerstone of every opportune sub-sector's growth and they provide the basis for the development of innovative new genres which combine these strengths with new technologies and ideas.

Software & Data

Manchester is home to a large number of world class software houses. With a steady supply of talented developers coming out of Manchester's universities and companies like Bright Future Software training apprentices in a variety of software languages, many companies such as the BBC and Thoughtworks use Manchester as a hub for their software development. Manchester also offers a wealth of big data market opportunities across healthcare, public services, financial services and media. The city's universities offer both skills and research collaboration opportunities with specialisms including Text-Mining and Health Informatics.

Creative, Digital & Tech Ecosystem

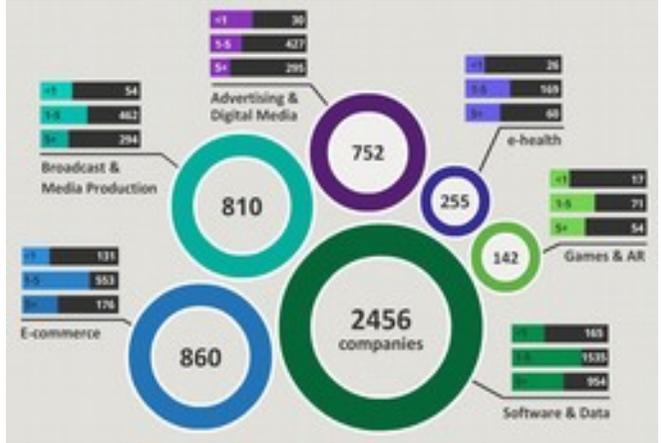
Creative, digital and tech companies have a tendency to locate in clusters where collaboration can lead to innovation. Manchester has an impressive array of digital and creative spaces to offer, from university backed incubators and science parks to commercial accelerators, from thriving digital and creative hubs to production spaces for feature films, commercials, long form drama and audio.

The Corridor

- Manchester's knowledge quarter
- Home to two universities, the largest academic campus in the UK, the largest clinical academic campus in Europe and Manchester Science Partnerships
- 43% of activity is in knowledge-intensive sectors
- Generates £3.2bn -25% of the City's GVA
- 55,000 workforce - increasing to 77,000 by 2020
- 72,000 Students

MediaCityUK

- Europe's first purpose-built business hub for the creative and digital industries
- £700 million private investment by The Peel Group
- Some 15,000 jobs are forecast for the area over the next 20 years
- Home to more than 120 creative businesses
- New HQ for the BBC, ITV, Coronation Street and the University of Salford
- Low cost flexible office space for digital and creative businesses
- 7 HD studios operated by dock10 – including the largest HD studio in Europe
- Access to one of the most advanced IT and media communications networks in the world – de-risked technology decision making



Number of Creative, Digital & Tech companies in Greater Manchester sector (IDBR 2014)

Conference Venue



“We constantly seek to improve our environmentally friendly credentials, ensuring you have a memorable experience with us in a sustainable setting. We are committed to offering visitors the very best accommodation and conference packages, using some of the UK's greenest facilities. We are proud members of Green Tourism and currently hold the GOLD award – the highest possible accreditation under the Green Tourism Business Scheme.”

MMU Conference and Events Team

Image: Brooks Building, Manchester Metropolitan University



Manchester Metropolitan University's £350 million investment to create an outstanding and inspiring learning environment has provided stunning, state of the art facilities for a range of events.

Surrounded by landscaping that has been designed to support biodiversity and urban ecology, The Brooks Building provides exciting networking space, a multi-purpose Hall, a variety of meeting rooms and some of the most modern, cutting-edge, health education facilities in the UK. The new stylish residences are a short walk away. Excellent public transport links to the city's rail stations, metro stops and bus connections make it easy to travel around.

Amazing facilities, dedicated event organisers and excellent customer service provide a winning combination for events held at MMU.

Brooks Building

The Brooks academic building is one of the most impressive of its kind in Europe, with outstanding specialist facilities and spacious public areas. The largest space in the building is the multi-purpose hall, with retractable seating for up to 300 people. The overwhelming sense is of stunning light and scale with five storeys of glass. The Spanish Steps are a key design feature of the building. Outside an attractive and green public space creates a modern 'piazza' feel. The residential accommodation a mixture of townhouses and flats will be among the most environmentally friendly student accommodation buildings in the UK and an essential part of our overall commitment to zero energy, waste and water.

Key Features

- An impressive new building with strong environmental credentials
- Multiple theatre and meeting rooms
- Specialist facilities and spacious public areas
- First-class AV equipment and acoustics
- Some of the most environmentally friendly residential accommodation in the UK
- Supporting biodiversity and urban ecology

The Shed

Located a short distance away from The Brooks Building, The Shed at MMU is a new centre for Digital Innovation and provides the perfect venue for the post conference workshops. Providing creative spaces, facilities and support for digital professionals and businesses, The Shed aims to bring industry and academia closer together, providing Manchester with a digital hub where you can experiment, learn and make in the company of likeminded people.

Venue Overview

DISTANCE FROM AIRPORT

7.7 miles

DISTANCE FROM CITY CENTRE

Located in the city centre

NEAREST RAILWAY STATION

Oxford Road - 0.9 miles

PARKING

Limited visitor parking is available for members of the public. This includes 17 dedicated spaces for blue-badge holders. Additional NCPs located nearby – chargeable

ACCOMMODATION

Birley TownHouses – 150 spaces
7,000 additional rooms across the city centre

ACCESSIBILITY

Yes – full

AIR CONDITIONING

Yes – full

WIRELESS INTERNET

Free of charge

ADDRESS

Manchester Metropolitan University
Brooks Building
53 Bonsall Street
Manchester
M15 6GX

WEBSITE

mmu.ac.uk/venues

Proposed Site Plan – The Brooks Building

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Brooks Ground Floor



- Please note: 'The Shed' is not included on this floorplan
- This floor plan has been prepared to give an example of how MMU could host GUADEC.
- The Brooks Building is a flexible venue which can accommodate for meeting requirements in different ways.
- This floor plan is not to scale.

Key

	Plenary Main Room
	Breakout Rooms
	Staff Room
	Exhibition
	Recreational Space

The Brooks Building and The Shed

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Plenary Main Room – Birley Lecture Theatre



Breakout Rooms



Staff Room



Exhibition - Atrium



Recreational Space



Sports Hall



The Shed - Workshops



The Shed - Workshops



The Shed - Workshops

Campus Map

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Estimated Costs

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Event: GUADEC GNOME 2017
Date: 28 July - 2 August 2017
Timings: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Delegates: 200
Location: Brooks Building – Manchester Metropolitan University

Purpose	Quantity	Dates	Number of days	Capacity	Unit cost	Net Cost
Birley Lecture theatre hire (plenary room)	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	200	710.00	2,130.00
Breakout spaces	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	156	£ 578.00	£ 1,734.00
breakout space	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	30	£ 395.00	£ 1,185.00
Sports Hall use (3 hours)	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	1	320	£ 179.00	£ 179.00
Office space (1 x room)	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	30	£ 220.00	£ -
Reception space for sponsor booths (Atrium)	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	250	£ -	£ -
WiFi - £1 per code	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	1	200	£ 1.00	£ 200.00
IT technician required – 4 hours a day - £37 per hour x 3 days weekend	4	28 July - 2 August 2017	3	3	£ 37.00	£ 444.00
Facilities staffing (Saturday & Sunday)	1	28 July - 2 August 2017	1	various	£ 450.00	£ 450.00
Hire of The Shed for 3 days of workshops	0	28 July - 2 August 2017	0	various	£ -	£ -

Net total (£) £ 6,322.00
VAT total (£) £ 1,264.40
Initial Quote (£) £ 7,586.40



Event planning: with you all the way

An experienced planner from our conference team will support you from the start. We make sure your event makes best possible use of MMU spaces, facilities and wider resources. We can help develop the special touches that make an event distinctive; plan pre- and post-event logistics; meet delegate and visitor needs before and during the event; take care of security and health and safety obligations and provide the best possible access facilities for delegates and visitors.

Hospitality

Our experienced chefs offer a wide choice of freshly made dishes. We are happy to cater for special diets and always aim to provide healthy options. Our chefs look for locally sourced seasonal ingredients. We pride ourselves on always looking for something a little different and we understand that presentation and flavour are equally important. Please feel free to talk to us about any ideas for hospitality you have for your event.

Catering Costs:

1 meal - £7.30 (breakfast – buffet hot and cold)
2 meals - £14.20 (5% added on from 2016)
3 meals - £20.50 (5% added on from 2016)
A full menu can be provided on request.

Our Ethics

- We support the use of Fairtrade products
- We use seasonal ingredients and source them locally
- We are committed to purchasing all meat and dairy products from farms with high animal welfare standards (fish is sourced from Marine Stewardship Council accredited supplier and our meat is from Red Tractor Assured farms, and is 'Freedom Food' and 'BRC')
- We use free range eggs in all our dishes and accredited with a 'Good Egg' award from The Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards certified



Audio-visual

As a hub of activity for learning and research, we are well placed to offer state of the art audio visual and information systems for your event supported by technical expertise. Our lecture theatres and larger seminar rooms have projection facilities and advanced technical systems with built in PCs. Smaller meeting rooms have projection facilities which facilitate the use of laptops. We can provide a laptop for your event or you may prefer to bring your own. Wireless Internet access is available in our venues and our IT suites have high-speed Internet connections. Our in house team always provide a technical briefing and will be on hand throughout the day to ensure your event is a great success. If you require any additional audio visual equipment or set requirements we are happy to prepare a quote.



Promoting Equality and Valuing Diversity

We work hard to embed equality and fairness into everything we do. We are a Disability Symbol employer commended for exceeding requirements and achieved a Bronze award from the Employer's Forum on Disability 'Disability Standard'. Visitor safety and enjoyment is important to us. We hope to offer an inclusive experience for everybody and carry out reviews and risk assessments to ensure we maintain high standards. Please feel free to discuss any special requirements you may have and we will work with you to help make your visit an enjoyable one.



Sustainability

We have developed a dynamic approach to managing our activities and estate. We are committed to sustainability and we support the reduction of the environmental and social impacts of conference and meeting activity. We are proud that:

- We achieved a First Class award in the People and Planet Green League 2015 league table, demonstrating our commitment to sustainable activity
- All our new building and construction work reaches the standards set by BREEAM Education excellence
- We strive to source sustainable and local food and drink products across our catering outlets and have introduced a Food Ethics Policy
- We are Green Gown Awards – International winners 2014
- We have successfully achieved the Gold Award as part of the EcoCampus National Award Scheme
- We promote greener travel options through a sustainable travel plan and have fitted electric car charging points across our campus
- We switched our electricity supply to one that is 100% Green Energy for our non-residential estate

Affordable Accommodation



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Manchester's vast choice of places to stay, from budget hostels to five star hotels, to the increasingly popular apart-hotel accommodation, makes attending an international conference in Manchester simple. Delegates will have a choice of a full range of accommodation, including internationally recognised brands, all within walking distance of the Congress venue.

Paul Bayliss MBE
Chair, Manchester Hotelier's Association

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Image: Macdonald Hotel Manchester Piccadilly

Hotel Infrastructure

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GUADEC will benefit from almost 10,000 hotel rooms in Manchester's city centre and over 22,000 across Greater Manchester - a complete offer that will meet the requirements of delegates, exhibitors, staff and speakers.

From luxury accommodation to boutique hotels, serviced apartments or the convenience of an airport hotel, Manchester offers the full range of accommodation.



Choice for all delegates

In the last five years Manchester's hotel industry has blossomed. Favourites like The Midland and the Palace Hotel have been joined by the Macdonald Manchester and the Park Inn. Chic options include Malmaison and Hotel Gotham, while International brand names such as Hilton and Marriott also provide a familiar range for visitors.



Affordable

We are aware of the importance of attracting those travelling on a budget to the conference. Premier Inns, Ibis hotels and youth hostels provide budget range of accommodation that offers value and quality.



Walking Distance

The city centre is walkable and compact and many of the hotels are within walking distance of each other and the MMU University Campus, located within the heart of Manchester and the proposed location of the conference.

Residences: MMU Birley Townhouses

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Manchester Metropolitan University halls of residence are ideal for group bookings, with twelve bedrooms in each of their eco-townhouses. Each townhouse offers generous open plan living space and two bathrooms on each floor of four bedrooms. Accessible rooms are also available on-site.

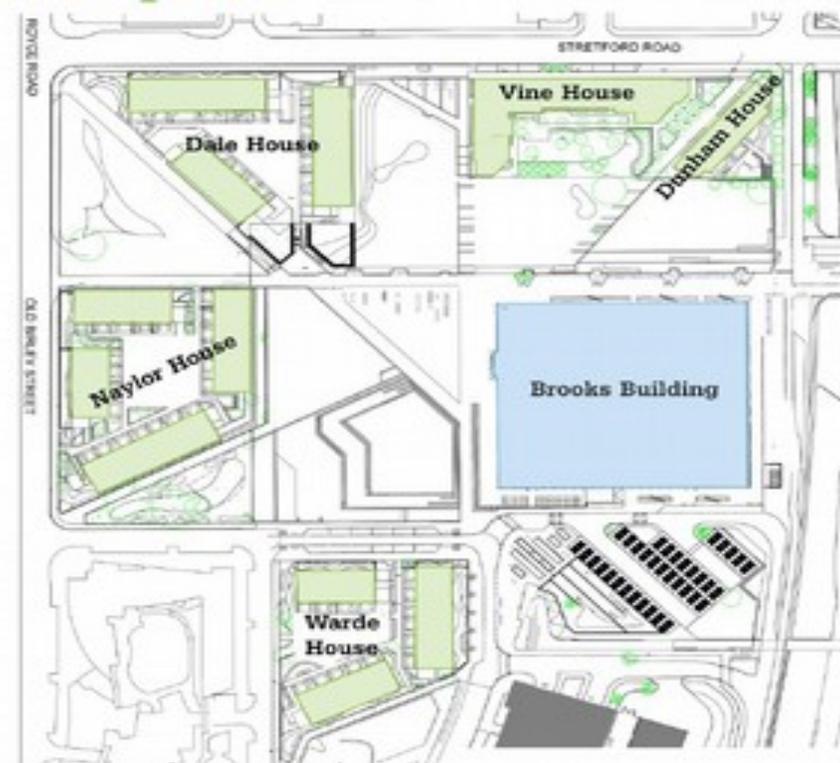
The townhouses are conveniently located opposite the Brooks Building where you can enjoy our catering facilities for throughout your stay.

Accommodation is currently secured at **Birley Townhouses** at the University campus. 150 bedrooms have been reserved in the first instance for the first 3 days, with 50 bedrooms reserved for the last 3 days. The accommodation includes:

Features:

- Townhouses for groups of 12
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi
- 24 hour security/ reception cover
- Situated next to main academic building
- Open plan living space
- Approximately £33.00 +VAT per night - prices are still to be fixed
- Breakfast is optional - additional £7. 30 + VAT per person - prices are still to be fixed for 2017
- Vending machines are available for cold drinks, snacks etc.
- Kitchen equipment includes oven, kettle, microwave and fridge/freezer.
- Self-catering is an option, however, crockery, cutlery and utensils are not supplied.

Floorplan





**Staycity Serviced Apartments
Manchester**

Conveniently located in the heart of the city centre within a 5 minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly station, this superb range of generously proportioned apartments, offer more than twice the space of a standard hotel room.

Complete with a fully equipped kitchens and spacious living/dining areas, complimentary WiFi, secure onsite parking and a 24 hour reception.



84 rooms



Atrium By Bridge Street

Atrium by BridgeStreet offer stylish 3-star apartments with spacious living/dining areas. Manchester's Piccadilly and Oxford Road Train Stations are 5 minutes' walk away.

The award-winning Atrium by BridgeStreet apartments all have a flat-screen TV, DVD player, free basic WiFi, and well-equipped kitchen. A weekly housekeeping service is also provided. The Metrolink station is a 5-minute walk from the apartment building.



116 rooms



SACO Serviced apartments

Located just five minutes' walk from Piccadilly Station, this stunning aparthotel has everything you need for a relaxed stay in Manchester.

The reception team will be on hand 24/7, the rooms includes breakfast essentials, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Choose from either a one or two bedroom serviced apartment.

You'll be perfectly located for the city centre, making it a great base for



84 rooms



Affordable Accommodation – Budget options

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Hatters at Hilton Chambers

Hatters is a modern hostel offering 3 star accommodation in the heart of the popular and bohemian Northern Quarter of Manchester's City Centre.

Hatters caters for groups of all sizes and can accommodate private dining, conference facilities, classroom/ meeting rooms and full/ half board packages on request.

Free breakfast and Free WiFi in all rooms and communal areas. It is also within walking distance to Manchester Piccadilly Station and Metrolink services



32 rooms



Holiday Inn Express Hotel Manchester

A minute's walk from Manchester Oxford Road train station, this straightforward, modern hotel is an 11-minute walk from Manchester Museum.

The casual rooms offer free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs with satellite channels and desks, plus tea and coffeemaking facilities. Some rooms add sofas. Kids 17 and under stay free with an adult.

Complimentary continental breakfast buffet is served in the relaxed dining room, and there's a warm lounge bar.



147 rooms



Ibis budget Manchester

The Ibis is ideally located a stone's throw away from the city centre. The hotel has 150 Cocoon rooms for up to three people which all include an en-suite bathroom, air conditioning and a flat screen TV with Freeview channels. All rooms are 100% non-smoking.

The hotel reception is open 24/7 and offers complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the building. There is a good value all you can eat breakfast served daily. There is not any on-site car parking facilities.



150 rooms

Accommodation Overview

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City Centre Accommodation

	Properties	Bedrooms	Estimated Rates*
Hotel 5 star:	3	369	£165.00
Hotel 4 star:	20	3,967	£145.00
Hotel 3 star:	17	3,285	£100.00
Hotel budget:	13	1,178	£80.00
Unaccredited:	~	~	~
B&B / Guest house:	5	58	£50.00
Self-catering units:	6	6	£80.00
Serviced apartments:	19	1,065	£100.00
Total:	83	9,928	

City Centre Hostels

In addition to the above accommodation, Manchester city centre offers over 600 beds in hostel accommodation, in properties such as YHA and Hatters Hostels. Rates start from circa. £12.00 per night, which will be of particular benefit for those travelling on a budget.



Greater Manchester Accommodation

	Properties	Bedrooms
Hotel 5 star:	4	534
Hotel 4 star:	42	6,859
Hotel 3 star:	102	10,137
Hotel budget:	38	2,761
Unaccredited:	11	350
B&B / Guest house:	94	1,039
Self-catering units:	46	94
Serviced apartments:	28	1,165
Total:	365	22,939

Notes:

- Data has been given for both Greater Manchester and Manchester City Centre. Please note that some properties are on the border of Manchester city centre and have not been included in the above statistics. For example, the 5* Lowry Hotel (165 bedrooms) has been included in the Greater Manchester figures.
- Sample rates have been provided for demonstrative purposes only and are subject to change. They have been based on 2014 statistics and our experience of events in 2015.
- Figures include all planned properties before December 2017, for which the owner and brand has been announced. The number of planned properties is likely to increase significantly over the coming months due to major property developments.
- Accreditation levels are those last known or equivalent and are renewed on an annual basis.

Globally Accessible



“ Manchester offers an excellent conference location, with first class conference facilities complemented by a range of high quality, four and five star hotels. The city centre is no more than a twenty minute journey by rail or road from Manchester Airport, which offers direct connections to all major European destinations as well as daily flights to international destinations including the USA, Hong Kong and the Middle East.

Sir Howard Bernstein
Chief Executive, Manchester City Council

Image: Manchester Airport

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Getting to Manchester

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Manchester is an international destination with an infrastructure comparable to any city in Europe, hence it has become a natural choice for the organisers of international association conferences.

The city has a world-class airport and a strategic location in relation to Britain's motorway and rail network. In addition, the huge investment made in public transport in recent years makes Manchester perfectly equipped to provide fast and efficient transport for delegates attending the conference.



Air

With over 225 non-stop flight routes around the world, Manchester Airport boasts one of the most comprehensive international route networks of any UK airport.

It offers direct flights from nearly every major European city including Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam, as well as a large number of international destinations including Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Beijing, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Manchester Airport also offers a large number of European routes with low-cost carriers which will benefit student delegates who are travelling on a budget.

The airport is situated just 10 miles from Manchester and is connected by a fast and frequent train service meaning that delegates from overseas can reach the city centre very quickly.

Airport to city centre by train:

10 miles /15 minutes
£4.50 (€6.21 / \$6.60)

Airport to city centre by taxi:

10 miles / 20-25 minutes
£25.00 (€34.25 / \$36.75)



Rail

The UK is very well connected to Europe which will be a particular benefit to delegates and exhibiting partners. The Eurostar link serves London's St Pancras station with trains arriving throughout the day from France and Belgium, and there are excellent connections to the UK national rail network and to Manchester.

Manchester Piccadilly is one of three main stations in Manchester and offers direct services to other major UK cities. There are 60 direct trains a day to London (every 20 minutes), with a journey time of just over two hours.



Road

Travelling to Manchester by road is simple and efficient with half of Britain's motorway network passing through the region with approximate journey times of 2 hours to Birmingham, 3½ hours to London and 4 hours to Edinburgh by car, allowing easy access from across the UK.



Europe

- Aarhus, Denmark (AAR)
- Alicante, Spain (ALC)
- Almeria, Spain (LEI)
- Amsterdam, Netherlands (AMS)
- Antalya, Turkey (AYT)
- Antwerp, Belgium (ANR)
- Athens, Greece (ATH)
- Avignon, France (AVN)
- Barcelona, Spain (BCN)
- Basel, Switzerland (BSL)
- Bastia, France (BIA)
- Beauvais, France (BVA)
- Bergen, Norway (BGO)
- Bergerac, France (EGC)
- Berlin, Germany (BER)
- Beziers, France (BZR)
- Biarritz, France (BIQ)
- Bilbao, Spain (BIO)
- Billund, Denmark (BLL)
- Boa Vista, Cape Verde (BVC)
- Bodrum, Turkey (BJV)
- Bologna, Italy (BLQ)
- Bourgas, Bulgaria (BOJ)
- Bratislava (BTS)
- Bremen, Germany (BRE)
- Brescia, Italy (VBS)
- Brest, France (BES)
- Brindisi (BDS)
- Brussels, Belgium (BRU)
- Budapest, Hungary (BUD)
- Cagliari, Italy (CAG)
- Calvi, France (CLY)
- Carcassonne (CCF)
- Chambery, France (CMF)
- Chania, Greece (CHQ)
- Catania, Italy (CTA)
- Cologne, Germany (CGN)
- Copenhagen, Denmark (CPH)
- Corfu, Greece (CFU)
- Cork, Ireland (ORK)
- Dalamani, Turkey (DLM)
- Dordogne – Bergerac, France (EGC)
- Dordogne - Brive, France (BVE)
- Dublin, Ireland (DUB)
- Dubrovnik, Croatia (DBV)
- Dusseldorf, Germany (DUS)
- Eindhoven, Netherlands (EIN)
- Enontekio, Finland (ENF)
- Ercan, Cyprus (ECN)
- Faro, Sweden (FAO)
- Figari, France (FSC)
- Frankfurt, Germany (FRA)
- Friedrichshafen, Germany (FDH)
- Fuerteventura, Spain (FUE)
- Funchal, Portugal (FNC)
- Gdansk, Poland (GDN)
- Geneva, Switzerland (GVA)
- Gibraltar, United Kingdom (GIB)
- Girona, Spain (GRO)
- Gothenburg, Sweden (GOT)
- Gran Canaria, Spain (LPA)
- Grenoble, France (GNB)
- Hamburg, Germany (HAM)
- Hanover, Germany (HAJ)
- Helsinki, Finland (HEL)
- Heraklion, Greece (HER)
- Ibiza, Spain (IBZ)
- Ilha Do Sal, Cape Verde (SID)
- Innsbruck, Austria (INN)
- Biarritz, France (BIQ)
- Istanbul, Turkey (IST)
- Ivalo, Finland (IVL)
- Izmir, Turkey (ADB)
- Kalamata, Greece (KLX)
- Katowice, Poland (KTW)
- Kavala, Greece (KVA)
- Rovaniemi, Finland (RVN)
- Rzeszow, Poland (RZE)
- Salzburg, Austria (SZG)
- Santorini, Greece (JTR)
- Shannon, Ireland (SNN)
- Sicily, Italy (CTA)
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- Sofia, Bulgaria (SOF)
- Split, Croatia (SPU)
- Stavanger, Norway (SVG)
- Stockholm, Sweden (ARN)
- Stuttgart, Germany (STR)
- Tallinn, Estonia (TLL)
- Tenerife, Spain (TFS)
- Lyon, France (LYS)
- Madrid, Spain (MAD)
- Mahon, Menorca (MAH)
- Malaga, Spain (AGP)
- Malta, Malta (MLA)
- Marseille, France (MRS)
- Milan, Italy (BGY)
- Milan Malpensa, Italy (MXP)
- Minsk, Belarus (MSQ)
- Montpellier, France (MPL)
- Moscow, Russia (DME)
- Munich, Germany (MUC)
- Murcia, Spain (MJV)
- Mykonos, Greece (JMK)
- Myltine, Greece (MJT)

- Nantes, France (NTE)
- Naples, Italy (NAP)
- Nice, France (NCE)
- Olbia, Italy (OLB)
- Oslo, Norway (OSL)
- Ostersund, Sweden (OSD)
- Palma, Majorca, Spain (PMI)
- Paphos, Cyprus (PFO)
- Paris, France (CDG)
- Paris, France (BVA)
- Perpignan, France (PGF)
- Pisa, Italy (PSA)
- Ponta Delgada, Portugal (PDL)
- Porto, Portugal (OPO)
- Prague, Czech Republic (PRG)
- Preveza, Greece (PVK)
- Pula, Croatia (PUY)
- Rennes, France (RNS)
- Reus, Spain (REU)
- Reykjavik, Iceland (KEF)
- Rhodes, Greece (RHO)
- Riga, Latvia (RIX)
- Rome Fiumicino, Italy (FCO)
- Rome Ciampino, Italy (CIA)
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- Thessalonika, Greece (SKG)
- Toulouse, France (TLS)
- Tours, France (TUF)
- Trapani, Italy (TPS)
- Turin, Italy (TRN)
- Valencia, Spain (VLC)
- Varna, Bulgaria (VAR)
- Venice, Italy (VCE)
- Verona, Italy (VRN)
- Vienna, Austria (VIE)
- Warsaw, Poland (WAW)
- Waterford, Ireland (WAT)
- Zadar, Croatia (ZAD)
- Zakynthos, Greece (ZTH)
- Zurich, Switzerland (ZRH)



225+
Non-stop
flight routes

North America

- Atlanta, USA (ATL)
- Boston (BOS)
- Calgary, Canada (YYC)
- Charlotte, USA (CLT)
- Chicago, USA (ORD)
- Las Vegas, USA (LAS)
- Los Angeles (LAX)
- Miami, USA (MIA)
- New York JFK, USA (JFK)
- New York Newark, USA (EWR)
- Orlando Int., USA (MCO)
- Philadelphia, USA (PHL)
- Toronto, Canada (YYZ)
- Vancouver, Canada (YVR)
- Washington DC, USA (IAD)



Asia Pacific

- Beijing, China (PEK)
- Dhaka, Bangladesh (DAC)
- Goa, India (GOI)
- Hong Kong, Hong Kong (HKG)
- Islamabad, Pakistan (ISB)
- Lahore, Pakistan (LHE)
- Singapore, Singapore (SIN)

Africa

- Agadir, Morocco (AGA)
- Banjul, The Gambia (BJL)
- Cairo, Egypt (CAI)
- Djerba, Tunisia (DJE)
- Enfidha, Tunisia (NBE)
- Hurghada, Egypt (HRG)
- Luxor, Egypt (LXR)
- Marrakech, Morocco (RAK)
- Marsa Alam, Egypt (RMF)
- Mombassa, Kenya (MBA)
- Monastir, Tunisia (MIR)
- Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt (SSH)
- Taba, Egypt (TCP)
- Tunis, Tunisia (TUN)

Middle East

- Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (AUH)
- Doha, Qatar (DOH)
- Dubai, United Arab Emirates (DXB)
- Erbil, Iraq (EBL)
- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (JED)
- Ovda, Israel (VDA)
- Sulaymaniyah, Iraq (ISU)
- Tel Aviv, Israel (TLV)

The Americas

- Antigua (ANU)
- Barbados (BGI)
- Bridgetown, Barbados (BGI)
- Cancun, Mexico (CUN)
- Cayo Coco, Cuba (CCC)
- Holguin, Cuba (HOG)
- Jardines del Rey, Cuba (CCC)
- Montego Bay, Jamaica (MBJ)
- Puerto Plata, Dom. Republic (POP)
- Punta Cana, Dom. Republic (PUJ)
- Santa Clara, Cuba (SNU)
- St Lucia (UVF)
- Varadero, Cuba (VRA)

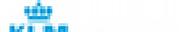
United Kingdom

- Aberdeen, Scotland (ABZ)
- Belfast City Airport, N.Ireland (BHD)
- Belfast International, N.Ireland (BFS)
- Edinburgh, Scotland (EDI)
- Exeter, England (EXT)
- Glasgow, Scotland (GLA)
- Guernsey (GCI)
- Inverness, Scotland (INV)
- Isle of Man (IOM)
- Jersey (JER)
- London Heathrow, England (LHR)
- Newquay, England (NQY)
- Norwich, England (NWI)
- Southampton, England (SOU)



Airlines

Some of the 65+ airlines flying to Manchester Airport include:



Average Flight Costs to Manchester

			
Europe	£124.00	€171.12	\$182.28
Western North America	£789.00	€1,088.82	\$1,159.83
Eastern North America	£718.00	€990.84	\$2,760.41
Central North America	£767.00	€1,058.46	\$1,127.49
Australasia	£1543.00	€2,129.34	\$2,268.21

- Flights are based on the average cost of a return trip to Manchester Airport from a selection of cities.
- Flight data was taken from expedia.com and is based on travel during the same dates in 2014.
- Currency conversion based on £1.00 = €1.38 = \$1.47.



Free circulation of scientists in the UK is guaranteed and we predict that many delegates attending will not require a visa to enter the UK for this conference.

Delegates from outside the European Union usually need to apply for a visa to enter the UK, although this is a straightforward process.

The local partners are happy to provide assistance in obtaining visas for those cases where a written letter of invitation is required.



Visa-exempt countries

Citizens of the following countries and territories are visa-exempt for stays of up to 6 months:

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| • Andorra | • Mexico |
| • Anguilla and Barbuda | • Monaco |
| • Argentina | • FS Micronesia |
| • Australia | • Namibia |
| • Bahamas | • Nauru |
| • Barbados | • New Zealand |
| • Belize | • Nicaragua |
| • Botswana | • Palau |
| • Brazil | • Panama |
| • Brunei | • Papua New Guinea |
| • Canada | • Paraguay |
| • Chile | • Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| • Costa Rica | • Saint Lucia |
| • Dominica | • Saint Vincent & the Grenadines |
| • Timor-Leste | • Samoa |
| • El Salvador | • San Marino |
| • Grenada | • Seychelles |
| • Guatemala | • Singapore |
| • Honduras | • Solomon Islands |
| • Hong Kong | • South Korea |
| • Israel | • Taiwan |
| • Japan | • Tonga |
| • Kiribati | • Trinidad and Tobago |
| • Macau | • Tuvalu |
| • Malaysia | • United States |
| • Maldives | • Uruguay |
| • Marshall Islands | • Vanuatu |
| • Mauritius | • Vatican City |



Visas & entry-clearance

Nationals of the countries listed below require a visa or entry clearance to visit the UK.

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bissau, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Faso, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (North), Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Leone, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi Dominican Republic of the, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan Democratic Republic of the, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Source: UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), July 2015



Getting Around Manchester

Manchester: Bid to host GUADEC 2017



Manchester Metropolitan University is located at the heart of Manchester's city centre, surrounded by thousands of hotel bedrooms as well as the city's attractions, bars and shops.

This gives delegates extra time to enjoy the congress programme and network with colleagues.



Walking

Manchester city centre has a wide offer of high quality public realm which, combined with its compact and manageable size, makes it an easy place to traverse on foot.



Metroshuttle – Free Bus

Delegates will benefit from a free city centre bus service known as Metroshuttle, which offers three circular routes covering all of the main areas.



Tram

The Metrolink tram network is the largest urban tram network in the UK, consisting of multiple lines bringing passengers into the heart of Manchester city centre. This gives delegates the opportunity to easily visit further afield should they wish.



Car & Taxi

The city centre offers over 15,000 secure car parking spaces and is well served by a large number of taxi operators.



Bus

An extensive bus network is operated by various commercial operators. It offers high levels of connectivity and value for money for passengers with services operating into the night.



Manchester Support



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Councillor Paul Murphy
Lord Mayor of Manchester

Image: Manchester Town Hall

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17th March 2016

Alberto Ruiz
Engineering Manager
Red Hat UK Ltd,
Peninsular House,
30 Monument Street,
4th floor,
London,
EC3R 8NB

Dear Mr Ruiz

RE: GUADEC Conference 2017

I should like to extend a warm welcome to the GUADEC GNOME Users and Developers European Conference in 2017.

There has never been a better time to consider holding an event in Manchester as the city witnesses a transformation unprecedented since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

Manchester has harnessed its fantastic and well-practiced powers of partnership to rise to the challenge of redesigning the city centre in a programme of multi-million pound improvements. Emerging is a city with all of the style, flair and facilities of a major European centre and all of the warmth that has made Manchester famous for centuries.

The University of Manchester along with Manchester Metropolitan University and Salford University places the city at a powerful academic position not only in the UK, but across the world. Deemed as a knowledge capital, Manchester's reputation for teaching and research is the envy of the world.

Manchester has the largest financial, legal and professional community outside of London, add to this unrivalled transport links, an excellent range of hotels and conference venues and you will find that Manchester is the obvious destination for your event.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2017.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Paul Murphy

Lord Mayor

Marketing Manchester

13th March 2016

Alberto Ruiz
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London,
EC3R 8NB

Dear Mr Ruiz

I am delighted that Manchester is bidding to host the GUADEC GNOME Users and Developers European Conference in 2017 and I am confident that Manchester can deliver everything necessary to make your event successful and memorable.

Manchester is an obvious choice for hosting international events. The city has always been famous for its friendliness and warmth and its dedicated conference quarter, which includes an international convention centre and a selection of four and five-star hotels, has contributed to Manchester's well-proven track record of hosting major national and international conferences.

Manchester continues to strengthen its reputation as an international conference destination. The city has hosted prestigious international conferences, including the International Conference on Urban Health, the European Biological Rhythms Society Congress and International Graphene Week 2015.

Declared European City of Science 2016, Manchester will host a number of high-profile international congresses in the coming years, including the International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, the Biennial Congress of the European Association of Cancer Research and the Euroscience Open Forum, the largest general science symposium in Europe.

We continue to receive incredible feedback from organisers, presenters and delegates, reinforcing our belief that Manchester is one of the leading European conference destinations.

I should like to extend the offer of assistance from Marketing Manchester, to ensure that your plans run smoothly. Like you, we want your event to be a huge success and we will do all we can to help you achieve this aim.

Yours sincerely

SHEONA SOUTHERN
Managing Director



Manchester recognises that excellent events do not just happen; its stakeholders work in partnership to create them. The city's experience of hosting diverse events, from the Commonwealth Games to large-scale party political conferences and international association congresses, has provided the experience to collaborate to exceed expectations, achieve ambitions and excite and delight visitors.

Manchester's Convention Bureau

Marketing Manchester is the official convention bureau for the Greater Manchester region. The organisation has developed strong working relationships with over 400 partners across the city region.

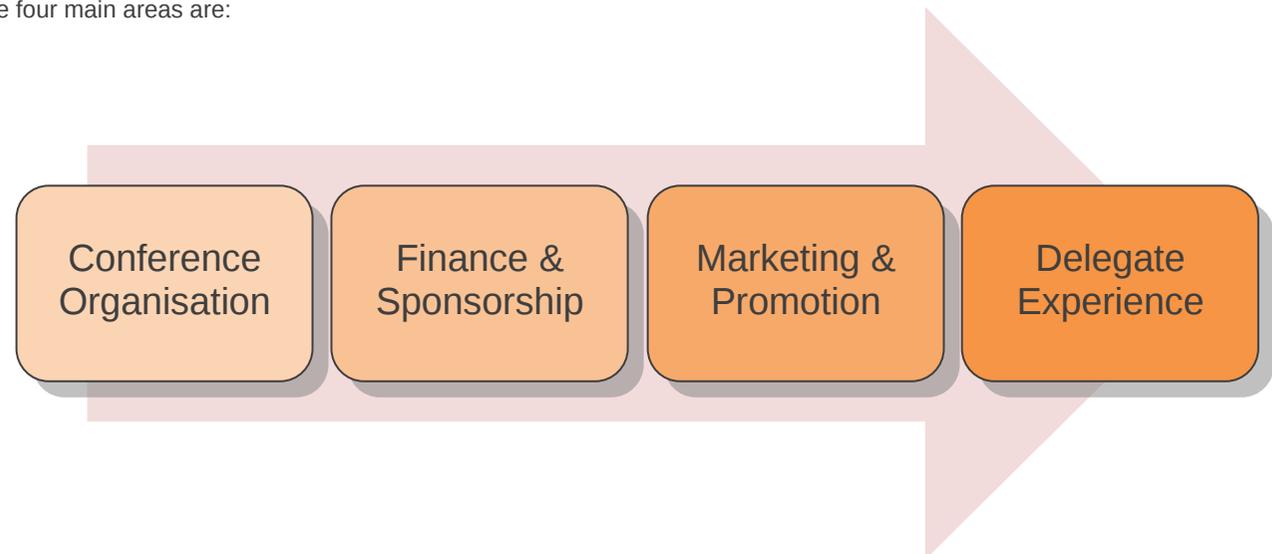
Extensive knowledge of Manchester and relationships with the region's best hotels, conference venues, restaurants, bars and service providers, enables Manchester to assist every step of the way.



Adding Value to GUADEC

The following pages set out the four main areas where Manchester would seek to add value and offer support to GUADEC throughout the journey from conception to completion.

The four main areas are:





1. Conference Organisation



Bid Stage

- Design and production of bid documentation, including bid books, expressions of interest and presentations.
- Assistance with site inspections for Committee members – developing bespoke itineraries and sourcing of complimentary accommodation when appropriate.
- Provision of letters of support from local dignitaries, supporting organisations, industry and government officials.



Planning & Logistics

- Expert local knowledge and advice from concept to completion.
- Attendance at planning and Committee Meetings.
- Provision of useful information for the conference website.
- Advice on sourcing conference suppliers including AV companies, caterers, entertainment providers, interpreters and insurance companies.
- Issuing of visa support letters where appropriate.
- Access to Manchester Event Volunteers, a scheme set up for the Commonwealth Games in 2002, providing volunteering opportunities and event support.



Accommodation Booking Service

- Provision of a free and impartial accommodation booking service through the official convention bureau, Marketing Manchester.
- Negotiation of allocations of bedrooms at a range of local hotels, ensuring all budgets are catered for.
- Creation of a bespoke accommodation website for delegates to browse and book rooms – powered by Passkey's GroupMAX system, a world-leader in housing technology.
- A dedicated accommodation team looking after reservations and delegate enquiries.



Programme Building

- Advice on partner programmes, excursions and pre & post tours.
- Advice on unique venues for social events such as drinks receptions and gala dinners, or fringe activities.
- Suggestions for technical tours such as visits to a local research centre, hospital or company.
- Recommendation of experienced tour guides who can create bespoke walking tours for conference delegates.
- Suggesting speakers to feature in the programme.
- Special discounts on delegate gifts and souvenirs.



2. Finance & Sponsorship



Accessing Networks

Manchester shares your expectation of raising high levels of industry engagement to support the conference and the important work of the associations. The city has a history of delivering successful international conferences that have attracted sponsorship from major global companies as well as local suppliers.

We will support by ensuring that Manchester takes full advantage of the existing presence of creative, digital and technological companies in the Manchester City region.

Access to industry players is made easier thanks to the strong model of city and regional organisations working together in partnership. There are a number of cluster support groups and membership organisations which allow direct access to a wealth of potential industry sponsors, speakers and delegates.





3. Marketing & Promotion



Communications Support

Should Manchester be successful in hosting this prestigious congress, the city will commit to work in partnership with all of the event stakeholders in actively marketing and promoting the conference within local networks and through relevant channels including the city's own press and communications offices.

- Issuing of press releases, online features and case studies to create awareness of your conference in Manchester.
- Communication and announcements via social media channels.
- Publishing details of the event on online event calendars.
- Advice on city dressing packages such as welcome banners.



Delegate Boosting

- Provision of destination marketing material to promote the conference and boost delegate numbers.
- Access to B-roll archives which offer hundreds of hours of footage for use in creating videos.





4. Delegate Experience



Information & Welcome

- A formal welcome from Manchester's Lord Mayor and/or dignitaries.
- Provision of delegate maps and tourism literature.
- Provision of information on what to see and do, attractions and activities.
- City Hosts are on hand on the streets of Manchester to guide delegates, helping with directions and other queries.
- MiGuide kiosks across the city centre provide digital information for delegates.
- Interaction with delegates via social media channels including Facebook and Twitter - @mcr_conf and @visit_mcr
- Welcome signage in all hotels housing 10+ delegates.



Travel

- Free city centre transport – Metroshuttle bus service.
- Partnership deals with secure, city-centre car parking.
- Access to discounted rail travel and group fares through Virgin Trains.
- Access to discounted airfares for participants through airline networks such as Star Alliance and oneworld.



Free & Discounted Items

- Delegate discounts and special offers on local restaurants and bars.
- Free Wi-Fi provided across the city centre, convention centre, airport, transport network, shopping centres and public buildings.
- Free Access to museums, galleries and libraries across the region.
- Free self-guided walking tour for all delegates (iPhone).
- Free afternoon recitals at the Royal Northern College of Music, Chethams School of Music and Manchester Cathedral.

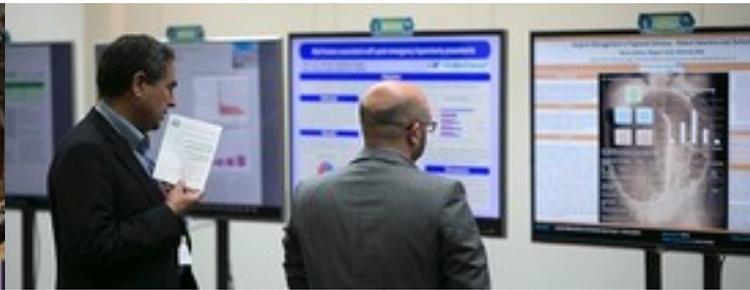


Financial

- Tax Free Shopping – International visitors from outside the EU are entitled to reclaim the sales tax (VAT) of 20% on most of the goods purchased.
- Currency Exchange facilities across the city.
- China UnionPay facilities for delegates from the Far East.

Experience

Manchester: Bid to host **GUADEC 2017**



As one of the UK's most dynamic cities, Manchester is a world centre for academic, business, cultural and sporting activity. As such Manchester has played host to many major association conferences and this trend is set to continue.

Here is a sample of events held in Manchester over recent years and in the future:



- 16th International Congress of Radiation Research 2019
- 25-29 August 2019
 - 1,500 participants
 - www.icrr2019manchester.com



- The Conservative Party Conference
- Bi-annually – 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017)
 - 13,000-17,000 participants
 - www.conservativepartyconference.com



- Rotary International of Great Britain & Ireland Conference
- 7-9 April 2017
 - 3,000 participants
 - www.rotarygbi.org



- Soccerex Global Convention
- Annually – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 - 3,000 participants
 - www.soccerex.com



- 8th World Summit on Media for Children
- December 2017
 - 1,500-2,000 participants
 - www.wsmc2017.com



- NHS Health and Care Innovation Expo
- 2014, 2015 and 2016
 - 5,000 participants
 - www.england.nhs.uk/expo



- 19th British Oncology Pharmacy Association Symposium
- 14-16 October 2016
 - 1,000 participants
 - www.bopawebsite.org



- 24th EFMC International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry
- 28 Aug-1 Sep 2016
 - 1,200-1,500 participants
 - www.efmc-ismc.org



- Euroscience Open Forum – ESOF 2016
- 22-27 July 2016
 - 4,500-5,000 participants
 - www.esof.eu



- 32nd International Conference on Digital Printing: Printing for Fabrication: Materials, Applications and Processes
- 11 - 16 September 2016
 - 450 participants
 - www.imaging.org/manchester



Chartered Institute of Housing Conference & Exhibition

- Annually – 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- 8,000 participants
- www.mmc2015.org.uk



Manchester International Surgical Week

- 22-24 April 2015
- 3,000 participants
- www.asgbi.org/manchester2015



Information and Communication Technology Forum

- 3-5 June 2015
- 200 participants
- www.ictf2015.ieice-europe.org/



Labour Party Annual Conference

- Bi-annually – 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014
- 11,000 participants
- www.labour.org.uk



British Insurance Brokers Association Conference

- May 2014, 2015 and 2016
- 5,500-6,300 participants
- www.biba.org.uk



IET International Cyber Security Conference 2014

- 14 – 16 October 2014
- 150 participants
- www.conferences.theiet.org



British Dental Conference & Exhibition

- May 2014 and 2015
- 5,000 participants
- www.conference.bda.org



Int. Symposium on Network & Digital Signal Processing

- 23 – 25 July 2014
- 150 participants
- www.csndsp.com



British Council of Shopping Centres 2015

- 16-17 September 2015
- 2,500 participants
- www.bcsc2015.co.uk



Int. Congress of the History of Science, Technology & Medicine

- 21-28 July 2013
- 1,758 participants
- www.ichstm2013.com



British Association of Dermatologists 2015

- 7-9 July 2015
- 2,500 participants
- www.bad.org.uk/events



12th International Conference for Internet Researchers

- 18 – 21 October 2012
- 450 participants
- www.aoir.org

Social Programme



“ Manchester is one of the UK’s most diverse and cosmopolitan cities, attracting visitors with its fine traditions of sport, culture, music and top class events. With its welcoming attitude, varied tourist attractions, quality shopping and legendary nightlife, Manchester can offer delegates a vast choice of excursions, partner programmes and pre and post conference tours.

Nick Brooks-Sykes
Director of Tourism, Marketing Manchester

Image: Castlefield

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We welcome discussions as to how we can deliver a truly memorable social programme for all participants, reflecting the traditions and local heritage of Manchester and the UK.

We are able to suggest a number of unique venues for the formal social programme as well as fringe activities.

Potential Social Event Venues



Victoria Warehouse

A unique event space with exposed and industrial features that complements both its architecture and history.

Victoria Warehouse is about much more than any standard, off-the-shelf, pre-packaged, seen-it-all-before event space that you've ever come across.

At 1,185m², Room 1 is the largest space available at Victoria Warehouse. Due to its square format and vast ceiling height it's the perfect event room; Room 1 offers a stunning backdrop for a variety of event concepts.



10 minutes

1,000

1,000



Manchester Cathedral

Offering an oasis amidst the bustle of the city, Manchester Cathedral offers some of the most impressive and breath-taking spaces in England.

The Cathedral with its centuries-old architecture and medieval interior can accommodate up to 1,100 people, and is matched only by its awe-inspiring presence. The connecting rooms, chapels and library offer the same atmospheric environment on a smaller scale.

Catering is provided on a bespoke basis, and can accommodate anything from grand banquets to canapé receptions.



12 minutes

1,000

1,000



The Albert Hall Manchester

The Albert Hall Manchester is A Grade II listed former Wesleyan chapel in Manchester City Centre closed and hidden for over 40 years.

The grand and ornate chapel has been restored into a stunning purpose built music hall & private hire space. The Albert Hall can cater for all kinds of events including conferences for up to 1200 people.



13 minutes

1,200

350



Manchester United Football Club

Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United Football Club is quite simply one of the world's most iconic and inspirational sporting venues and the perfect stage for a social event.

Known as the Theatre of Dreams, the stadium is located just ten minutes from Manchester's city centre.

As well as offering a stunning setting for the gala dinner, there is the option to host a drinks reception in the club's expansive museum which features historical exhibits, trophies and interactive displays. Guests can also tour the grounds during their visit.





 10 minutes 950 1,100



Manchester Town Hall

Manchester Town Hall is one of the most iconic buildings in the city. A Grade 1 listed building in the heart of Manchester, this gothic masterpiece is steeped in history and architectural splendour, providing a unique backdrop for a social event.

The Great Hall is the largest event space and provides a magnificent high ceiling and Ford Maddox Brown panels give a feeling of grandeur and space. Each of the four State Rooms have their own distinctive features from oak panelling to magnificent fireplaces and provide alternative networking spaces from the Great Hall.





 10 minutes 400 220



Albert's Schloss

Albert's Schloss is Manchester's first Tankovna, serving the freshest Pilsner this side of the Danube. Add to this, 10 heritage brews on the taps, Alpine cocktails, homemade Schnapps, an uber wine list and 'push for Prosecco' buttons on every table.

A Bier Palace truly fit for a king with events and entertainment featuring live music from Alberts Haus Band, resident DJ's and the Schloss night creatures.





 13 minutes 1,000 200



National Football Museum

The National Football Museum is the biggest and best football museum in the world, providing a unique, exciting and contemporary setting for your evening hospitality and corporate events. Guests also have the opportunity to privately view the museum's galleries and can have exclusive use of the Football Plus+ interactive to test their footballing skills.

The Hall of Fame is a great space for receptions and dinners. The Suite is located on the top floors and has fantastic city views. It is perfect for receptions, small dinners and team building.

 13 minutes
  550
  250



The Deaf Institute

The Deaf Institute is an independent fun loving bar & venue across 3 floors with a roof terrace. Housed in a historic Manchester building originally built in 1878 as The Deaf Institute, it's located just off the bustling Oxford Road in the heart of the MMU University Campus.

The music hall on the first floor hosts live gigs, comedy & club nights in a ballroom under a mirror ball, with velvet curtains, a domed ceiling and parrots on the wall. In the main bar the venue has sharing tables & leather booths, fresh & tasty food, a sweetie shop inspired cocktail list, frozen cocktails, local ales & craft beers served up to a rock 'n roll sound track.

 11 minutes
  250
  250



Museum of Science and Industry

The Museum of Science and Industry is situated on the site of the world's first inter-city passenger and goods railway line. A truly inspirational venue, the historic buildings and fascinating galleries provide a unique backdrop for corporate meetings and events.

The Revolution Manchester Gallery is the showpiece of the GWW, displaying iconic objects that tell the story of the city. From textile factories to Factory Records, the interactive gallery will celebrate Manchester's impressive industrial, technological and cultural heritage, as well as looking to the city's future.

 5 minutes
  450
  250

The Destination



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James Berresford
Chief Executive, Visit England

Image: Chatsworth House and Estate, Derbyshire

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Situated centrally in mainland Britain, Manchester has a population of 2.5 million - a city with roots in ancient history which is now wonderfully cosmopolitan with its own unique character.

Victorian architecture dominates the city, although the city's medieval roots can be seen around the Shambles as well as the 500-year-old Chetham's School and Library buildings. Today a new reputation is being built by bold and innovative local architects progressing one of the most ambitious regeneration programmes in Britain.



Art & Culture

From artistic masterpieces to the history of football, Manchester offers over 90 museums and galleries – the majority of which are free to enter.

MoSI, the Museum of Science and Industry, brings innovation to life in the world's oldest railway station, while the Imperial War Museum North demonstrates how war shapes people's lives.

Manchester is also home to the National Football Museum and the People's History Museum. Important classic and contemporary art is on show at the Manchester Art Gallery, while you can find a plethora of smaller galleries all over the city.

Opportunities to experience live music in Manchester are as varied as they are exciting. The spectacular Bridgewater Hall is home to the Hallé Orchestra and welcomes musical talent from all over the world. Chamber music, folk, jazz, roots and drum & bass all have their place and major international acts perform regularly in the 20,000-seat Manchester Arena.

You'll find everything from opera to comedy to experimental theatre at the Palace Theatre, Royal Exchange, Contact Theatre and The Lowry.

Attractions offering **free entry** include:



Manchester Art Gallery



the Whitworth





Food & Drink

With so many cultures rubbing shoulders with each other, it's no surprise that Manchester has a great reputation for food and drink. You'll find cuisine from practically every nation and to suit any budget, from high-class dining to top-notch takeaways.

Restaurants, bars and clubs can be found in most parts of the city centre, from the bustling Deansgate Locks and The Printworks to the upmarket Spinningfields and the bohemian Northern Quarter.

We have the UK's second biggest Chinatown, where you'll find great Asian restaurants, and the neon-lit 'Curry Mile' begins just a short walk from the city centre.



Sport

There is no doubting Manchester's global reputation when it comes to sport. Whether visiting delegates want to watch or take part, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy some of the world's best facilities and great visitor experiences.

Lancashire County Cricket Club at Emirates Old Trafford, the National Cycling Centre, also known as the Velodrome, the Regional Tennis Centre and National Centre for Squash at SportCity, all host international championships for those who want to experience the electrifying atmosphere as a spectator.

But there's more to sport in Manchester than simply watching it. Delegates can swim, ski, dive, cycle and climb at a number of the region's best facilities.



Shopping

From stylish shopping malls to specialist market stalls, quirky boutiques to vintage treasure troves, the city offers a unique and diverse shopping experience. All of the UK's best known department stores, including Selfridges and Harvey Nichols are within walking distance of the conference venue.



Explore Further Afield

Greater Manchester's ten districts each offer a range of experiences including canal cruises, unique events, local food and drink, market shopping and the great outdoors.



Rosso

This Italian restaurant is owned by Manchester United player Rio Ferdinand and is located in the centre of the city. An atmosphere with surroundings to die for, Rosso blends a stylish interior, unforgettable menus, exclusive & luxurious drinks with unparalleled ambience to provide an unforgettable experience.



Sakana

At Sakana you will find a combination of stylish street food, regional classics and contemporary molecular gastronomy, will provide a truly unique dining experience. The very best freshly prepared dishes have been fused with modern surroundings, expertly crafted drinks and impeccable service.

With two floors, two bars, two restaurants and catering for up to 240 guests in one sitting and total capacity of 440, Sakana will command a premium audience to complement its service and design.



Zouk

Zouk offers Pakistani and Indian authentic cuisine served in modern, comfortable surroundings, meaning you can indulge in the most delicious food around, while relaxing with friends and family. Scroll down to check out our menus, book a table to dine in Bradford or Manchester, buy our secret spice blends or find where we will be next on tour. You can also book a place on our cooking school and learn how to cook some of your favourite Zouk dishes.





Don Giovanni's

Manchester's Longest Established and Best Loved Italian Restaurant. Established in 1984.

Located on Oxford Street adjacent to St Peter's Square in the heart of Manchester city centre.

Based on a very simple principle, they proudly use only the freshest, tastiest ingredients; their food is all cooked fresh to order in our open plan kitchen, and fresh pasta areas, where you can see your food being created.

Wherever possible they use locally sourced ingredients, and scour the local areas and markets to find the best possible



Albert Square Chop House

Once a Victorian warehouse, now a converted post-industrial space featuring an open kitchen, with original architectural character and exposed services, THIS is where we prepare and present our classic British food. Chef Paul Faulkner looks out over a space with 80 very comfortable covers – featuring luxurious booths and flexible table plans to accommodate groups of all sizes.



Turtle Bay

Caribbean restaurant based on Oxford Road. The menu includes dishes inspired by all of the islands of the Caribbean - including Jamaican jerk chicken and saltfish patties, Trinidadian Trini doubles, and spiced dishes from Barbados.



Must-See Attractions & Activities

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Manchester has so much to offer for delegates to do in their free time. With an abundance of galleries, museums and attractions to visit (most of which are free to enter), delegates are spoilt for choice.



National Football Museum

Explore four floors of football treasures which reveal a sport deeply rooted in English heritage. Discover an impressive collection of over 140,000 football artefacts and archives.
City Centre | Free entry



Manchester United Museum & Tour

Blending historical exhibits with state-of-the-art interactive experiences, the Manchester United Museum and Tour Centre brings the remarkable legend to life like never before.
2 miles from city | £18.00 museum and tour



The Quays

The Quays is Manchester's waterfront destination set on the banks of the Manchester Ship Canal. It is home to some spectacular attractions including MediaCityUK.
2 miles from city | Free entry



Whitworth Art Gallery

The Whitworth's extensive and eclectic collection of art and design is of international significance, including works on paper to textiles, wallpapers and contemporary works.
10 minutes by bus | Free entry



John Rylands Library

Experience the gothic splendour of one of the world's most awe-inspiring buildings and discover the library's world-famous collections of holy texts and priceless artefacts.
City Centre | Free entry



Museum of Science & Industry

Located on the site of the world's oldest surviving passenger railway station, MoSI's mammoth collections pay tribute to the city's industrial heritage and impact on the modern world.
City Centre | Free entry



Afternoon Tea

Indulge in a spot of afternoon tea and appreciate a quintessential ritual of an English celebration initiated by Queen Victoria.

City Centre | Prices vary



Elizabeth Gaskell's House

Elizabeth Gaskell's House was the home of the famous author and her family. This beautifully restored home has spectacular period rooms, a garden and a tea room for visitors to enjoy.
City Centre | £4.95 entry

After Hours

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Manchester offers an eclectic mix of evening activities. A number of award-winning restaurants and over 30 international cuisines to choose from means that there are dining options to suit all tastes. From real ale pubs to cutting-edge clubbing, Manchester's nightlife is as varied as it is exciting.



Special Offers at Restaurants

Manchester's bars and restaurants routinely offer special discounts for conference delegates and we will communicate these offers to participants in advance.
City Centre | Prices vary



Music & Theatre

Sample Manchester's cultural offerings including performances at a vast selection of venues including the city's newest neighbourhood, HOME.
City Centre | Prices vary



Private Dinner Venues

Whether you're looking for a Presidential Dinner, VIP Drinks Reception or Sponsor's Party, Manchester offers numerous venues to host private events.
City Centre | Prices vary



Traditional Pubs

For real ale in a traditional pub, visitors are spoilt for choice, including venues known for local beers and live music, to the Britons Protection renowned for its choice of whisky.
City Centre | Prices vary



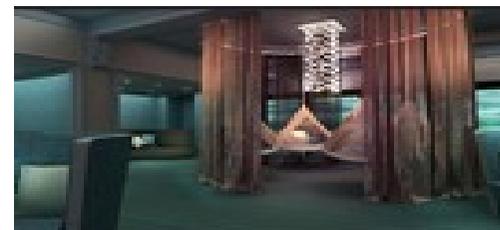
Live Room Escape Games

The ultimate post-conference activity, there are a number of live escape room games. In teams of 2-5 you have 60 minutes to escape a locked room using only the power of your brain.
City Centre | circa £15.00 per person



An evening at Manchester Art Gallery

Manchester Art Gallery is open every Thursday until 9pm. Meet colleagues for a post-conference drink whilst browsing the displays, listening to live music and artists' talks.
City Centre | Free entry



Spa treatments

Unwind by booking a spa treatment at one of Manchester's luxurious city-centre spas including Sienna Spa, Bali Health Lounge and the Lowry's Health Spa.
City Centre | Prices vary



The Curry Mile

Just a few minutes from the city centre is the Curry Mile, Rusholme, which has the largest concentration of Asian restaurants in the UK
2 miles from city | Prices vary

Guided Tours

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A great way to explore is to take a walking tour of the city. There are over twenty professional tour guides available and they each have their own specialist subject area that adds something different to every tour. Since the guides are experts in the history of Manchester, it is also possible to include a tailor-made talk or discussion into the conference programme itself.



Free Walking Tours App



We've created a free walking tours app which can be offered to all of your participants – allowing them to explore Manchester easily during their busy conference schedule.
City Centre | Free of charge



Discover Manchester Tour

A guided tour around the city centre giving delegates a taste of the history, architecture and culture and showing the major sites.

City Centre | £8.00 per person



Manchester Food Walks

Combining culture, history and cuisine, Manchester Food Walks offers delegates the chance to stop and sample a number of culinary tastes of signature dishes.
City Centre | c.£30.00 per person



Manchester Town Hall Clock Tower

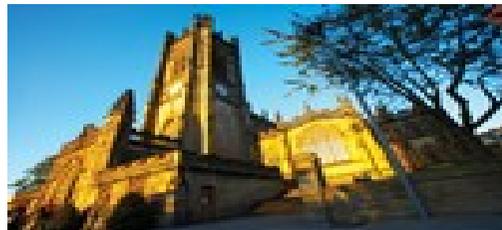
Explore the neo-gothic building in a truly unique style by ascending the 173 steps, observing the working mechanisms of the historic clock and taking in the dramatic views.
City Centre | £10.00 per person



Manchester Music Tour

Manchester's musical legacy from the 1960s, via punk and Madchester up to the present day, including the site of the legendary Hacienda.

City Centre | £8.00 per person



Medieval Manchester

Many hundreds of years ago medieval barons ruled the small market town of Manchester. The bones of their world still show through in the modern city.

City Centre | £8.00 per person



Science & Innovation Tour

Enjoy a guided walk through the sites associated with the bold, brilliant and occasionally barmy scientific and technological breakthroughs from Manchester's rich history.
City Centre | £8.00 per person



Cottonopolis

Explore Manchester's grand district of textile warehouses, the cotton exchange and beyond. Hear the epic story of the rise and fall of 'King Cotton'
City Centre | £8.00 per person

Day Trips from Manchester

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Manchester's rich cultural and historical offerings present a range of exciting and engaging excursion options, adding value for delegates and for all those accompanying them. Options range from leisurely visits to the region's rich array of stately homes and gardens, to experiencing the vibrancy of the city and town centres.



Chatsworth House & Estate

Home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Chatsworth is one of England's finest stately homes. Admire the beautiful painted private rooms and wander the extensive grounds in one of the most popular attractions in the UK.



Quarry Bank Mill & Styal Estate

One of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites, showing how a complete industrial community lived. Quarry Bank overflows with the atmosphere of the Industrial Revolution.



Dunham Massey

Set in a 300-acre deer park; enjoy the woodland glades, the gardens – containing almost 700 different plant species and the 18th Century Georgian house on a pleasant stroll around the Dunham Massey estate.



Tatton Park

The magnificent historic estate is home to a neo-classical Mansion, award-winning gardens, a rare-breed farm and a 1,000 acre deer park.



Lyme Park

Featured in the BBC's production of *Pride and Prejudice*, Lyme Park is an Edwardian Mansion with 1,400 acres of moorland.



Rail Ale Trail

East Lancashire Railway has teamed up with the city's official tour guides to create the now infamous Rail Ale Trail. Journey to discover some of the Irwell Valley's most beautiful locations and exceptional pubs, all linked together by the railway.



Canal Cruise with Commentary

Hop on the boat named after Mancunian artist, L.S. Lowry, and cruise along the Bridgewater Canal, Manchester Ship Canal and River Irwell. Enjoy the lively commentary whilst gliding past various sights of interest.



Roman Chester

Chester is one of Britain's great heritage cities. Visitors can walk the most complete city walls in Britain dating from the Roman occupation 2,000 years ago.

Pre & Post Conference Trips

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Manchester is perfectly placed to explore the rest of the UK. With Cheshire to the south, Merseyside to the west, Lancashire and Cumbria to the north and Derbyshire to the east, visitors are spoilt for choice. Here are some suggestions for how the delights of the UK can be incorporated into delegates' itineraries.



Cheshire

A region bursting with character and variation, Cheshire offers quaint market towns and villages dotted through the largest unspoilt landscape.

40 minutes from Manchester



Liverpool

Liverpool offers an array of attractions. Cultural highlights include Tate Liverpool, Maritime Museum and Walker Art Gallery, Albert Dock and The Beatle's Story.

50 minutes from Manchester



Yorkshire

Yorkshire features over 800 attractions, from World Heritage Sites to mining museums, ruined castles and abbeys, to hands on museums.

60 minutes from Manchester



Lancashire

An area of outstanding natural beauty, Lancashire combines stunning landscapes with fascinating history and an abundance of stately homes and museums.

60 minutes from Manchester



Derbyshire & The Peak District

From the spectacular landscapes of the Peak District National Park to the grandeur of Chatsworth House, Derbyshire seems a world away.

70 minutes from Manchester



Cumbria & the Lake District

Stunning waterfalls, lakes, mountains and areas of natural beauty ensure the scenery in Cumbria is truly unique. The Lake District National Park offers picturesque towns, villages and castles.

90 minutes from Manchester



Scotland

The unique mix of rugged landscape and culture has made Scotland famous. Visit deserted beaches, nature reserves, mountains, lochs and forests,

150 minutes from Manchester



London

In just over 2 hours by train from Manchester, visiting delegates can experience London. As one of the world's most visited cities, London has something for everyone.

130 minutes from Manchester

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