

Access Statement For Leicester Conferences at the University of Leicester

Introduction

Leicester Conferences at the University of Leicester offer year-round day conference, meeting and event facilities. We can host residential conferences and events during student vacation periods.

Accommodation is also available to groups during this same period on a full, half board or B&B basis.

The majority of our facilities are accessible to wheelchair users with only a small number of areas identified as unsuitable with limited access due to stairs and width restrictions.

The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions feel free to contact us and we will endeavour to help.

Pre-Arrival

- We are located on two primary sites, one near the city centre (city campus) and the other in Oadby (Oadby Student Village or Halls of Residence)
- The city campus is located on the west side of Leicester City Centre
- The Oadby Student Village is approximately 2 miles south east of the city campus
- The nearest railway station is approximately 1 mile from the city campus
- Several bus routes run to the city campus and the Oadby Student Village. There is a limited service during student vacation periods. Route details are available in printed format or by email on request or from our website at www.leicesterconferences.co.uk
- The nearest shop-mobility scheme is in Leicester City Centre: Shopmobility, Highcross Shopping Centre, Level 2 Car Park, High Street, LEICESTER, LE1 4FP. There is also one at Fosse Park, Leicester: Modern Mobility, Fosse Shopping Park, Fosse Park Avenue, Leicester, LE19 1HY

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Parking at the Oadby Student village is unrestricted and is available throughout the site. Each of the Halls has designated car parking areas and guests are welcome to park at any location. There are allocated spaces at each Hall for visitors with a disability
- Assistance with luggage is available on request prior to arrival
- Clear signs are positioned at each Hall entrance
- Guide dogs are welcome and feeding and water bowls can be provided by prior request. Dog relief pens are also provided by prior request

Main Entrance & Reception

- Some of our entrances have steps however all entrances have wheelchair accessible ramps with the majority having handrails
- Residential guests can book in and collect their keys from the reception area

Public Areas - General (Internal)

- All public areas within the Oadby Student Village are wheelchair accessible and lifts are available to reach ascending floors.
- Some areas are fitted with automatic doors
- Floors are mainly of a solid type (ceramic tile or wood) with some carpeted areas for example in meeting rooms
- Some areas have permanent induction loop systems fitted
- Further details about public areas are available on request prior to arrival

Public Areas - WC

- All public areas have WC's available including wheelchair access facilities

Restaurant / Dining Room, Bar & Lounges, Take Away & Cafe

- Each of the Halls at Oadby has a large dining room. There is also a bar and a lounge. Seating is flexible and can be moved on request. Menus and wine lists can be provided in large print by prior arrangement
- The city campus has several cafés, coffee shops and restaurants plus take-away outlets

Laundry

- Laundry facilities are available at all accommodation areas

Shop

- The city campus has a shop located in the Student Union building

Leisure Facilities

- Both the Oadby and City Campus sites have leisure facilities available. Full details are available on our main website www.le.ac.uk

Outdoor Facilities

- The Oadby site is set within 40 acres of landscaped grounds. 16 Acres are dedicated as a botanic garden. Rest points with benches are available throughout the site
- The city campus has various outdoor areas with seating, some of which are adjacent to catering outlets

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting, Clubs, Entertainment

- Both the Oadby and City campus sites have several conference and meeting rooms. Some rooms are equipped with hearing loop amplifiers. Full details are available on request

Bedrooms

- The Oadby site has 1495 bedrooms. 865 bedrooms have en suite bathrooms. There are 45 adapted bathrooms suitable for visitors with wheelchairs
- The city campus has 1458 bedrooms. 418 bedrooms have en suite bathrooms. There are 30 adapted bathrooms suitable for visitors with wheelchairs
- All standard bedrooms (non en suite) have a wash basin

Additional Information

- All bedrooms have smoke detectors. A loud fire alarm will sound in the event of a fire or other emergency.
- All areas satisfy England's no smoking legislation.

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Future Plans

The University of Leicester is continually investing in its estate with on-going developments. There is a master plan in place for both the Oadby and city sites. Further details are available on request or on our website www.le.ac.uk

We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve if you have any comments please phone 0116 271 9933 or email conferences@le.ac.uk
