

BES Annual Meeting 2016

Liverpool, ACC

11 – 14 December

Attendee Information

Venue:

Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool

Monarchs Quay
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[Map](#)

Liverpool

Culture and the waterfront are at the heart of everything in Liverpool. So, it makes sense that the two often combine; as is the case with the famous Mersey Ferry which has been dazzled by Sir Peter Blake, Tate Liverpool's recent exhibitions from Pollock, Picasso, Warhol and Bacon or the spectacular events which welcome cruise ships to their spiritual home. Away from the waterfront there are a glut of galleries and museums, some of the most acclaimed theatres in the UK and the stunning architecture of two cathedrals perched at either end of the same street. All of which is before we even mention The Beatles or football...

Getting Around in Liverpool

By Air

Liverpool John Lennon Airport is only nine miles from Liverpool city centre and offers over 60 inbound UK and European routes. Carriers such as easyJet, Ryanair, Blue Air, Wizz Air and Flybe offer convenient and cost-effective air travel from most major European cities.

www.liverpoolairport.com

By Rail

Travelling to Liverpool by train has never been easier or faster, when it's only 2 hours 8 minutes from central London on Virgin Trains' state-of-the-art tilting Pendolino trains. Onboard, you can enjoy space to relax and unwind, Wi-Fi, power sockets and Quiet Zone for those who need a break.

www.virgintrains.com

London Midland Trains, First Trans Pennine Express and Northern Rail also run routes into Liverpool from all major UK cities. Once in Liverpool, the Merseyrail train network has excellent links to other parts of the city region.

www.merseyrail.org

Other useful links:

www.NationalRail.co.uk

By Road

Liverpool City Region is well-connected to the UK motorway network. From the M6 take the M62, M58 or M56 direct to the destination.

London	210m / 338km	3h 50m
Manchester	34m / 55km	50m
Manchester Airport	34m / 55km	45m
Birmingham	98m / 157km	1h 50m
Sheffield	78m / 125km	1h 48m
Leeds	72m / 116km	1h 25m
Nottingham	111m / 178km	2h 15m
Glasgow	219m / 352km	3h 53m
Newcastle	172m / 277km	3h 8m
Edinburgh	221m / 355km	4h 17m
Cardiff	206m / 331km	3h 35m

For those transporting delegates by coach, there are over 60 parking bays and pick up/drop off points across Liverpool city centre. Liverpool and Southport are both recognised official 'Coach Friendly' destinations by the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

www.liverpooltraveltrade.com

Useful tools to plan your journey by road:

www.TheAA.com

www.RAC.co.uk/route-planner

By Sea

Arrive in Liverpool along the River Mersey and get the best views of the world-famous Liverpool Waterfront. Ferry routes between Liverpool and Belfast are operated by Stena Line Irish Sea Ferries, between Liverpool and Dublin by P&O Ferries, and between Liverpool and the Isle of Man by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. The City of Liverpool Cruise Terminal is located on Liverpool Waterfront, part of the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Magnificent cruise vessels frequently berth in the city, as well as starting and finishing here.

www.cruise-liverpool.com

Public Transport

Buses

For general information and a journey planner on bus travel around Liverpool please visit:

<http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

The C5 bus operates a city centre circular route, and calls at Queens Square bus station and Liverpool One bus station, covering most of the hotels area of the city, and the ACC Liverpool. For the return journey it is the C4 bus. You can find more information here:

[http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/travelling-around/timetables/AllTimetables/C4%20Dingle%20-%20Liverpool%20city%20centre%20circular%20\(from%2029%20March%202015\).pdf](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/travelling-around/timetables/AllTimetables/C4%20Dingle%20-%20Liverpool%20city%20centre%20circular%20(from%2029%20March%202015).pdf)

Bikes

Whilst here, why not hop on one of our City Bikes and explore Liverpool first hand?

www.citybikeliverpool.co.uk

Taxis

Merseycabs/com cabs (black cabs can take 5 passengers): 0151 298 2222

Delta (private hire can take 4 passengers): 0151 924 7373

Badges

For security purposes, please wear your badge at all times within the Annual Meeting venue. If your badge is lost, a new badge may be issued for a cost of £10.

Catering

Tea and coffee will be available in the exhibition area (Hall 2A) during the designated refreshment breaks.

Lunches will be served in the exhibition hall and on the mezzanine (for workshop 'grab and go' lunches) between the designated times.

The Gala Dinner will be in Hall 2B, next to the exhibition area. Please note **the awards ceremony with start at 19:30. Doors open at 19:15** for you to get seated.

Cloakroom

The cloakroom can be located in the near registration. This will be complimentary and open for the duration of the meeting, but close 30 minutes after the last event of the day finishes.

Families

For those with children, we have a family room (room 6) for you to use if you wish. There are also baby changing facilities in the disabled toilets for parents to use.

There are a number of family friendly activities within Liverpool. We have more information on our [website](#).

Prayer Room

Room 5 is available for those that wish to use it to pray at any time during the meeting.

Quiet Room

We have set aside room 16 for those that may need a moment to pause or reflect. We ask you please do not use this room for working, and all electrical items are turned off or on silent when using this space.

Currency

Liverpool uses the British Pound.

Disclaimer

All the best endeavours will be made to present the programme as advertised. However, the BES and its agents reserve the right to alter or cancel, without prior notice, arrangements, timetables, plans or other items relating directly or indirectly to the Annual Meeting 2016, for any cause beyond its reasonable control. The BES and its agents are not liable for any loss or inconvenience caused as a result of such cancellation. Delegates are advised to take out their own travel insurance and extend their policy to cover personal possessions as the BES does not cover individuals against cancellation

of bookings or theft or damage to belongings. Tours run by third parties may be subject to cancellation should minimum numbers not be achieved.

Electricity Voltage

220 – 240V, three pin plug.

First Aid

Should you require first aid assistance during the Annual Meeting, please contact a BES team member who will be able to guide you to the appointed first aider.

Insurance and Liability

It is recommended that participants arrange their own personal health, accident and travel insurance. The Annual Meeting organisers will not accept liability for personal injury or loss/damage to property/belongings of participants or accompanying persons, before, during or following the Annual Meeting, on tours or your stay in Liverpool.

Internet

Complementary wifi is provided throughout the ACC.

Lost Property

Please hand in lost property to the registration area where it will be made available for collection.

Mobile App

All abstracts can be accessed via our Annual Meeting mobile app, which will be available **mid-December**. To download the app, visit <http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/events/annual-event-2016/>. You can download the app on your laptop, mobile device, or tablet.

Mobile Phones

As a courtesy to speakers and other delegates, we ask that all mobile phones and electronic **devices be changed to silent mode before entering any session.**

Posters

Poster sessions will take place in the exhibition area, located in the Hall 2A:

Monday 12 December: 17:15 - 18:45

Tuesday 13 December: 17:00 - 18:30

Plenary Lectures

All plenary lectures will be delivered in the Auditorium (Hall 1). Please check the programme for specific times.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted inside the ACC.

Social Media

You are encouraged to share your experiences, thoughts and questions through social media, using **#BES2016**.

We understand that some people will not want their research broadcast. We respect that, so have created a 'do not share' image for people to download on our website and add to their poster or talk presentation. We hope that fellow attendees will also respect that request and refrain from sharing

that particular talk or poster. If people do not include this image on their presentation, we will assume they are happy for their research to be shared. You may find the image here: <http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/events/annual-event-2016/presenter-guidelines-programme/>

Christmas Day

On the last day of the meeting (Wednesday 14 December) we are looking to celebrate the holidays! We encourage you to come to the meeting in Christmas attire (jumpers, ties, tinsel, reindeer antlers – whatever takes your fancy!) and tweet a photo of yourself to #BES2016. There's a prize for the best/worst/most creative attire!

Speaker Room

The Speaker Room is located in Room 10 and will be open:

Sunday 11 December: 14:00 – 17:00

Monday 12 December: 08:00 – 17:00

Tuesday 13 December: 08:00 – 17:00

Wednesday 14 December: 08:30 – 13:00

The Speaker Room is fully equipped in order for speakers to hand in and review their presentations. To ensure that the presentations are well prepared speakers should bring their presentations to the room at least 2 hours before their presentations. Technical staff will be on hand to help with any issues. See also [Presenter Guidelines on the website](#).

Time Zone

Liverpool is GMT

Venue Security and Drills

In the event of an emergency, ACC staff will guide you to safety. There will not be any fire alarm tests during our Annual Meeting 2016, therefore, any alarm should be considered the real thing.

If at any point in the meeting you have any questions or require assistance, please contact a BES staff either in the 'Information' stand in the Registration Area, at the BES exhibition stand in the exhibition area, or any of our helpers – who can be identified by their 'crew' t-shirts.