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Welcome to Ecology Across Borders 2021. This guide will help you get the most out of the conference and help you navigate your way around the virtual experience.

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ABOUT LIVERPOOL

The Liverpool metropolitan area is home to more than two million people, earning it the title of the fifth largest city in the UK. It is the home city of The Beatles, RMS Titanic, and the Liverpool and Everton Football Clubs.

Now best known for its vibrant music scene and rivalling football clubs, historically Liverpool gained its place on the map as a major port city. Established first as a small North-western port from which to reinforce English interests in Ireland, by the 18th century Liverpool was developing rapidly from wealth accumulated in the transatlantic slave trade. To grapple with this harrowing era of the city's history, the International Slavery Museum was opened on the Albert Dock in 2007 as a place to remember the victims of the transatlantic slave trade and to promote understanding of the legacies of slavery today.

Later, Liverpool became known as a manufacturing hub. The city continued to grow and became an official city and Britain's largest port outside of London by the end of the 19th century. Newcomers came from countries around the world, such as Ireland, China, and Italy, and contributed to Liverpool's long history as a multicultural city. Did you know that Liverpool is home to the oldest Chinese community in Europe and that the entrance to Liverpool's Chinatown is marked by the largest Chinese Ceremonial Archway outside of China?

Visitors to Liverpool today can enjoy its impressive collection of museums, the scenic dock area, and the music scene that earned the city the title of the Capital of Pop from the Guinness Book of Records. Whether you spend your time popping into the Museum of Liverpool to learn more about the city's history and heritage or enjoy the bustling atmosphere and music of Mathew Street's nightlife, we hope you enjoy Liverpool!

TRAVELLING TO LIVERPOOL

Venue Address and Location

ACC Liverpool is located on the Liverpool docks, right by some of the city's most popular attractions, making it a great base for exploring the city. The address is:

ACC Liverpool
King's Dock
Liverpool Waterfront
Liverpool
Merseyside
L3 4FP

By Rail

Liverpool is well-connected by rail, with direct services available from a number of cities around the UK, including London, Birmingham, Leeds, Glasgow, and Manchester. The main railway station is Liverpool Lime Street, which is located a 20-minute walk or a short bus ride from the ACC. Visit the [National Rail website](#) to book your journey.

By Coach

[National Express](#) offers affordable coach travel to Liverpool from London, Birmingham, Leeds, and Manchester. Coaches arrive at Liverpool ONE bus station, located just a 10-minute walk from the ACC.

By Air

You can fly to Liverpool John Lennon Airport from more than 70 airports across Europe and Northern Africa on nine carriers, including Ryanair and easyJet.

You can get to the city centre from the airport by bus, train, or taxi. Buses number 82A and 500 operate a direct service between the airport and Liverpool ONE and the journey takes around 45 minutes. The train from Liverpool South Parkway station, accessible from the airport by a shuttle service, takes 15 minutes to reach Liverpool Lime Street.

Manchester Airport, accessible from Liverpool Lime Street by train in about 1 hour and 30 minutes, is a major international airport operated by more than 40 airlines.

By Car

If you are driving to Liverpool, you can take either the M62, M58 or M56 from M6. Onsite parking is available at the ACC. Check ongoing roadworks on the [Liverpool City Council website](#) before travelling.

COVID MEASURES

We are putting in place a series of measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission so that EAB2021 is a safe space to meet.

We have [a page on our website](#) outlining the COVID measures at EAB2021, the rules on travel to the UK, and what will be expected when you arrive at the conference venue. Please ensure you read this guidance carefully before attending.

Please note on registration all attendees must show:

- Proof of a negative COVID test (PCR or Lateral Flow Device) test taken less than 48 hours before entering the event.

You must have proof of a negative COVID test even if you are fully vaccinated.

REGISTRATION TIMES

Arrival Advice

During busy times at registration, you may be asked to queue outside in the interest of your safety as we check proof of negative COVID tests from delegates. Please have this ready when you arrive to reduce delays.

We expect registration to be particularly busy between 18:00 and 19:00 on Sunday 12 December, and between 08:00 and 09:00 on Monday 13 December. Please arrive in good time ahead of the sessions you wish to attend or aim to arrive outside of busy times to reduce your waiting time.

Sunday 12 December

- 13:00 – 14:00 (for pre-conference workshops only)
- 14:00 – 20:00 (for general registration)

Monday 13 December

- 08:00 – 19:00

Tuesday 14 December

- 08:00 – 19:00

Wednesday 15 December

- 08:30 – 13:00

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW AND PRESENTER GUIDELINES

Presenter Guidelines

For those of you presenting either a talk or a poster, [please read the guidelines](#) on the conference website carefully before preparing your presentation.

Meeting Overview

You can download the [Meeting Overview](#) from the conference website, which outlines the timings for the conference.

Download the [Session Overview](#), for the date, time, and location of all oral sessions and workshops.

SPEAKER UPLOAD

The Speakers' Upload Area is located in the Galleria near Registration and is fully equipped for speakers to hand in and review their presentations. To ensure that the presentations are well-prepared, please bring your presentation to the Upload Area at least **2 hours before your session starts**. Technical staff will be on hand to help with any issues.

The Speakers' Upload Area will be open during the following hours:

Sunday 12 December

- 14:00 – 17:00

Monday 13 December

- 08:00 – 17:00

Tuesday 14 December

- 08:00 – 17:00

Wednesday 15 December

- 08:30 – 13:00

SOCIAL EVENTS

As well as a packed programme of presentations and workshops, there are also many social and networking events, providing great opportunities to meet old colleagues and create new connections.

Smaller Welcome Mixer

Join us in Room 10 on Sunday 12 December at 17:00 – 18:30 to network in a friendly and welcoming environment. This event is directed at those who would benefit from a smaller number of people and additional support in going into the welcome mixer.

Fresher's Function

This annual meet and greet is for anyone new to our annual meeting, or new to scientific conferences. It's a great way to get to know your peers before the main Welcome Mixer in an informal setting. Meet us in Room 3B at 17:00 – 18:30 on Sunday 12 December.

Welcome Mixer

The Welcome Mixer takes place on Sunday 12 December in the Exhibition Area (Hall 2A) at the ACC from 18:30 – 20:30.

Get the Most from Mentoring

The BES values mentoring as an important way to support our members. We have delivered mentoring in some capacity since 2009 with mentors providing professional support to mentees in areas including career changes, work-life balance and career development opportunities. Join this breakfast session in Room 10 on Monday 13 December from 08:00 – 08:30 to hear about the development of a new mentoring programme at the BES and to find out more about how you can get involved.

Poster Session 1

Poster Session 1 will take place in the Exhibition Area on Monday 13 December from 17:30 – 19:00. There will be approximately two complimentary drinks per person, followed by a cash bar.

Speed Review

Have a paper idea reviewed fast – by a senior editor! The BES journals are running a speed review session where you can get a Senior Editor's opinion on your manuscript. All you need to do is sign up at the BES stand and bring along a figure or a key finding from your research to have a discussion and get some feedback. Speed Review will take place in the Riverside Galleria from 17:30 – 19:00 on Monday 13 December.

SIG Socials

From 19:00 onwards on Monday 13 December, our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will be holding their social events. Please check the conference app or BES website for the times and locations of each of the events, as most of them will not be held in the ACC.

Women in Ecology

Networking for women in ecology with a specific topic in discussion – returning to work after a career break. This social will take place in Room 10 on Tuesday 14 December from 08:00 – 09:00.

Poster Session 2

Poster Session 2 will take place in the Exhibition Area on Tuesday 14 December from 17:00 – 18:30. There will be approximately two complimentary drinks per person, followed by a cash bar.

Meet the Committee

A number of British Ecological Society Committees are looking for new members. Come along to the BES Stand 1 on Tuesday 14 December between 17:30 – 18:30 to meet Trustees and committee members, and to learn how you can help shape the future of our activities and future strategies.

LGBT+ Mixer

From 18:30 – 20:00 on Tuesday 14 December the LGBT+ Mixer will take place in Room 11A. It is a relaxed and informal opportunity to mix and chat with ecologists from across the LGBT+ spectrum over refreshments (alcoholic and non-alcoholic options available!).

REED Network

A chance for any ecologist who feels racial and ethnic discrimination is having an impact on their education and career to meet the REED network and socialise. The social will take place in Room 11C from 18:30 – 20:00 on Tuesday 14 December.

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place in Hall 2B at the ACC from 20:00 – 00:00 on Tuesday 14 December. This is a ticketed event, and all tickets need to have been purchased in advance of the conference. No tickets will be on sale at the conference.

Carers' Coffee

This short social event allows carers to come together and will take place in Room 10 from 11:00 – 11:30 on Wednesday 15 December.

Final day – Christmas Day

On the last day of the meeting (Wednesday 15 December) we invite you to start celebrating the holidays with Christmas Day! We encourage you to come to the meeting in festive attire (jumpers, ties, tinsel, and reindeer antlers – whatever takes your fancy) and tweet a photo of yourself to #EAB2021. There will be a prize allocated to the best Christmas outfit!

WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

These sessions are intended to support wellbeing and give delegates a break from the usual conference programme at EAB2021.

Fun Run

Get your running shoes on and join us on a 5k fun run around Liverpool! Meet your running guide outside the ACC Cityside entrance at 06:45 on Tuesday 14 December

for a 45-minute run, giving enough time to get back and ready for the day's first sessions.

Stretch and Breathe

Come along for a morning session on Tuesday 14 December from 08:00 – 08:40 on the ACC Balcony to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the conference. Expect a peaceful practice consisting of breathing and stretching exercises with a waterfront view. The session is suitable for all abilities and no previous experience is required. You can attend in your ordinary conference attire and no mats or equipment are required.

Lunchtime Draw-along

Refresh your mind by taking part in an ecology-themed draw-along in Room 6 from 13:45 – 14:45 on Tuesday 14 December. The session will be headed by a sketching teacher, who will guide you throughout so that you can make the most out of the experience. The session is suitable for anyone on the lookout for a mindful lunch break, and all materials will be provided.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Conference App

Before the conference week starts, you will be able to access the conference platform and app. You will receive an email from Whova with a link to the website. **The email you used to register must be used to log in.** If you have not received the link by Thursday 9 December, please check your junk mail. For the desktop version of the conference platform, you do not need to download or install any software, you only need to have access to the internet. We recommend using the **Chrome** web browser where possible.

For the mobile phone app, search for Whova in your app store and download it. Open the app and enter the email address you used to register for the conference. If the event does not show up automatically, you can search for 'Ecology Across Borders 2021' in the search bar, and then click 'Join'.

You will be able to access the system from 17:00 (GMT) Wednesday 8 December. We recommend logging in ahead of the first live session to spend some time familiarising yourself with the platform, looking at the online posters, and getting to know other delegates.

If you are experiencing any issues logging in, or want further information about using the platform, you can find more detailed instructions [here](#).

Please note: the conference app will allow you to search for talks, read abstracts, and find the rooms where each session is held. This information is only available on the app so you will need the app at EAB2021.

Plenary Lectures and Thematic Sessions

All questions for plenary lectures and thematic sessions will be taken via the conference platform. Please refer to the platform guide for more information.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary Wi-Fi is provided throughout the venue.

In your Wi-Fi settings, select 'EAB2021'. This will take you to a webpage where you can connect to free Wi-Fi.

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.

Social Media

All attendees are encouraged to join the discussion via social media, so please use the hashtag #EAB2021 to ensure that you are part of the conversation.

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 talk or presentation. We hope that fellow attendees will also respect the request and refrain from sharing the talks or posters who show the image. If people do not include this image on their presentation, we will assume that they are happy for their research to be shared.

Photography

There may be a photographer present for part of the event, and the photographs taken may be used for promotional purposes; if you have any concerns or queries regarding this, please come and see us at the Information Desk.

Name Badges

For security purposes, please wear your name badge at all times within the ACC. If your badge is lost, a new badge may be issued for a cost of £5. We recommend that delegates continue to wear their badges at the social events as well.

Lanyards

There will be three different lanyard options available at Ecology Across Borders. The **purple lanyard** is our standard lanyard, indicating that the wearer is mindful of COVID rules. If you are actively socially distancing and would like to indicate to other delegates that you wish for more space, please request an **orange lanyard** when you register. If you are medically exempt from wearing a face mask, please ask for the **green sunflower lanyard**. Please respect the lanyard choices of other delegates.

Cloakroom

The cloakroom can be found on the left as you enter the Galleria, past registration. The cloakroom is complementary and will be open for the duration of the meeting and will close at the same time as the last event of the day. Please be aware that queues for the cloakroom can be long after the closing plenary on the final day.

First Aid

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

Contemplation Room

Room 16 is a dedicated contemplation room, which can be used for prayer. The contemplation room can also be used for those that may need a moment to pause and reflect. Please do not use this room for working and ensure that all electrical items are switched off/to silent when using this space.

Families

For delegates with children, we have a family room located in Room 7. This room will contain a microwave, fridge, and kettle. There will be an area for breastfeeding, but breastfeeding is of course permitted wherever you wish! Please feel free to bring toys to use in this area. It is your responsibility to ensure children are accompanied by an adult at all times.

Childcare

Childcare for children between 2-5 years old can be obtained on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Ecology Across Borders through [Little Explorers Day Nursery](#). Little Explorers is part of Aigburth Training Opportunities, a registered charity with experience delivering childcare training and assessment for over 30 years. The nursery is based in Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter, within walking distance of ACC Liverpool, and the team pride themselves on the nursery's multicultural ethos.

The nursery is open 08:00 – 18:00 Monday-Friday and the cost of childcare is £40 for a full day and £30 for a half day.

If you wish to book childcare with Little Explorers, please get in touch with Danielle Clarke-Walsh and make sure you mention Ecology Across Borders. Please note that places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

T: 0151 708 7868

E: Danielle@little-explorers.co.uk

Little Explorers Day Nursery
Future House
25 Pomona Street
Liverpool
L3 5TL

Food and Refreshments

Your registration includes refreshments at the welcome mixer on Sunday evening, tea/coffee and lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and drinks at both Poster Sessions.

Tea/coffee and lunches will be served in the main Exhibition Area (Hall 2A) during the designated refreshment breaks. Please refer to the meeting overview for exact times. If you would like refreshments outside of the designated times, there is a coffee shop called 1207 in the Galleria of the venue from which refreshments can be purchased.

If you have a specific dietary requirement (apart from vegetarian and vegan) please ask an **Allergen Champion**, wearing a **green apron**, who are briefed to ensure all dietary requirements are suitably accommodated either from the main catering or from a separate plate from the kitchen.

Although we normally do our best to ensure that the meeting produces as little packaging waste as possible, this year lunches are individually packed to ensure the highest standard of food safety with respect to COVID-19. However, all packaging used is compostable.

Lost Property

Please hand in lost property to the Information Desk, where it will be made available for collection.

Smoking Policy

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

Security

In the event of an emergency the ACC staff will guide you to safety. There will not be any fire alarm tests during the meeting, therefore any fire alarm is the real thing.

If at any point in the meeting you have any questions or require assistance, please contact a member of the BES staff either at the BES stand or the registration area, or any of our Helpers – who can be identified by their purple ‘**Help Is Here**’ t-shirts.

Currency

Liverpool uses Pound Stirling (GBP).

Electricity Voltage

220 - 240 Volts, Type G electrical plug with three rectangular prongs.

Time Zone

Liverpool is currently within GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). All times listed in this document are GMT.

Insurance and Liability

It is recommended that participants arrange their own personal health, accident and travel insurance. The 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 meeting, on tours or during your stay in Liverpool.

Disclaimer

All the best endeavours will be made to present the programme advertised. However, the BES and SFE² reserve the right to alter or cancel, without prior notice, arrangements, timetables, plans or other items relating directly or indirectly to Ecology Across Borders, for any cause beyond its reasonable control. The BES and SFE² 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 and SFE² do not cover individuals against cancellation of bookings or theft or damage to belongings.

GETTING AROUND LIVERPOOL

Walking

The venue’s location makes it easy to discover Liverpool on foot. Many key attractions, such as the Museum of Liverpool, The Beatles Statue, and the International Slavery

and Maritime Museums are located on the Liverpool Waterfront just minutes' walk away from ACC Liverpool.

The city centre is of a compact size and can be crossed on foot in about 20 minutes. A number of the main shopping streets, including Lord Street and Church Street, in the centre are also fully pedestrianised, making them safe and comfortable to walk down.

Citybike Liverpool

The Liverpool City Council operates a citybike hire scheme. The cost to unlock a bike is £1 and costs 25p every 15 minutes for a pedal bike and 50p for an electric bike. A docking station is available right by the ACC.

For more information, including a map of stations and a how-to guide, visit the [citybike website](#).

Bus

There are two bus stations in the city centre: Liverpool ONE and Queen Square. ACC Liverpool is just a 5-minute walk from Liverpool ONE, where many services depart from.

Day tickets can be purchased directly from your bus driver (contactless and exact fare in cash is accepted), but all other tickets must be purchased at a Merseytravel Centre. You can either purchase a Merseytravel ticket, valid on all services, or a ticket that is specific to your bus operator and may be cheaper. Some routes are also part of the Quality Bus Network, on which you may use a ticket from any operator. Read more about ticketing on the [Merseytravel website](#).

All Liverpool buses are fully accessible.

Merseyrail

[Merseyrail](#) is the train service connecting Liverpool city centre to the surrounding area, including Chester, Birkenhead, and Southport. The closest station to the ACC is James Street, located a 15-minute walk away.

Tickets are available from booking offices at staffed stations and ticket vending machines at a number of stations across the network.

Taxi

Taxi ranks are available at locations around Liverpool, including on Albert Dock by the ACC and at Liverpool Lime Street Station. A list of taxi stands can be accessed by visiting the [Liverpool Council website](#).

A number of taxi companies operate in Liverpool, including:

- Delta Taxis – 0151 924 7373
- Com Cabs – 0151 298 2222
- Davy Liver Taxis – 0151 708 7080
- Alpha Taxis – 0151 772 8888
- Penny Lane Taxis – 0151 733 1999

Car Parking

On-site parking spaces are available at the ACC if you are visiting Liverpool with a car. Details of tariffs are available on the [ACC website](#). Parking spaces are also available around the city centre. Find out more on [Parkopedia](#).

ATTRACTIONS

The Beatles Statue

Get your picture taken with the Fab Four on the Pier Head. The statue was erected in December 2015, coinciding with the 50-year anniversary of the last gig the band played in Liverpool. The observant may notice the acorns in John Lennon's hand, collected from trees outside his home in New York.

Liverpool Central Library

Admire the domed ceiling of the beautiful Picton Reading Room and marvel at the collection of rare books in the Hornby Library and Oak Room, which includes one of only 120 remaining copies of Audubon's Birds of America. Families with kids may be interested in the brilliant children's space for discovering reading, located right below the Picton Library.

Open 09:00-17:00 (all times are in GMT) Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 12:00-20:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays / Free entry

Liverpool Chinatown

Liverpool is home to the oldest Chinese Community in Europe, and its Chinatown's roots trace back to the 1800s, when Chinese sailors first started arriving in the city. In 2000, the largest Chinese Ceremonial Archway outside of China was gifted to Liverpool from Shanghai, and visitors to Chinatown can now marvel at the 44-foot structure every day.

Liverpool Christmas Market

Liverpool's Christmas Market, taking place annually outside St George's Hall (just opposite Liverpool Lime Street Station), is returning this November with its usual mix of stalls trading local food, drinks, and crafts for all ages to enjoy.

Open 11:00-21:00 Sunday-Wednesday and 11:00-22:00 Thursday-Saturday

Liverpool Ice Festival

From late November, the Liverpool Ice Festival is coming to Pier Head with an ice rink, festive rides, and seasonal treats.

Open 12:00-20:45 on weekdays and 11:00-20:45 on weekends / Ticketed, advance booking recommended

Mathew Street and the Cavern Club

Mathew Street is not only home to the Cavern Club, dubbed "the most famous club in the world", but also a number of other bars where you can hear live music, as well as the Liverpool Wall of Fame. In addition to The Beatles, a great number of famous bands and artists have performed at the Cavern Club, including The Rolling Stones, Queen, and Adele. Some items from the club's history are on display inside.

The Cavern Club opens 11:00-00:00 Sunday-Wednesday, 11:00-01:00 Thursday-Friday, 11:00-02:00 Saturdays / Children under 18 welcome until 20:00 every day / Pay on the door for general entry, advance booking required for events / Wheelchair accessible

National Museums Liverpool

Liverpool boasts an impressive collection of museums and galleries that are completely free of charge. The Museum of Liverpool as well as the International Slavery and Maritime Museums are located on the Liverpool waterfront close to the ACC. The World Museum with its aquarium and Walker Art Gallery can be found on the other end of the city centre, next to St George's Hall and Lime Street Station. Sudley House and Lady Lever Art Gallery are located further out from the centre but are still well worth a visit and easily accessed by Merseyrail.

Open 10:00-16:00 Tuesday to Sunday / Free Entry

River Explorer Cruise

Board the famous Mersey Ferry for a 50-minute cruise that will take you on a sightseeing tour of the Liverpool skyline. An audio guide is included, so you can learn more about the rich history of the city while sitting back and enjoying the view.

December departures from Pier Head every hour between 10:00-16:00 on weekdays and 11:00-15:00 on weekends / Ticketed, advance booking recommended

Sefton Park

Head south to Sefton Park where you can enjoy a day out exploring the 235-acre grounds and the botanical collection in the Palm House. Don't forget to stop by the famous statue of Peter Pan, a replica of the Kensington Gardens original.

Palm House open 10:00-16:00 Monday to Sunday / Free entry

Knowsley Safari and Chester Zoo

If you fancy a trip out of the city, there are two zoos easily accessible from Liverpool by public transport or car. At Knowsley Safari in Prescot, visitors can take in the 550-acre safari on foot or from the comfort of their car, while Chester Zoo delivers a more familiar zoo experience.

Knowsley Safari: Open 10:00-17:30 on weekdays and 10:00-18:00 on weekends / Ticketed, advance booking required

Chester Zoo: Open 10:00-16:00 daily / Ticketed, advance booking required

PLACES TO EAT

Lunya, Hanover Street

Located just a 10-minute walk away from the ACC, this tapas restaurant has something for everyone, including a good selection of vegetable tapas, a separate vegan menu and a kids' menu. A smaller branch of the same establishment, Lunyalita, is located on the Albert Dock. A free drink on the house is offered to anyone who's breastfeeding.

Open 11:00-21:00 Monday and Tuesday, 11:00-21:30 Wednesday-Friday, 10:00-22:00 Saturday and 11:00-20:30 Sunday / Wheelchair accessible

Moose Coffee, Dale Street

If you're in the mood for an American-style diner breakfast, Moose Coffee has you covered with numerous options and a separate kids' menu. Through the Moose Foundation, the café also works with charities to support vulnerable people and the environment.

Open 09:00-17:00 Monday-Sunday / Wheelchair accessible

Mowgli Street Food, Bold Street

Serving authentic and well-priced Indian food, this restaurant caters to everyone with an array of menus that includes gluten free, vegan, and children's options. An optional £1

donation to the Mowgli Trust will be added to your bill, which will go to one of the restaurant's carefully chosen partner charities.

Open Sunday-Thursday 12:00-21:30 and 12:00-22:30 Friday-Saturday / Wheelchair accessible

Potts Coffee, Slater Street

A fully vegan establishment, Potts Coffee specialises in breakfasts and brunches. With a separate pancake menu available alongside evergreen English breakfasts, this café appeals to a variety of tastes. A small local business, Potts seek to source their ingredients from local producers and to give back to the community.

Open 08:30-17:00 Monday-Friday and 10:00-17:00 Sunday / No wheelchair access

The Quarter, Falkner Street

The Quarter is an independent Italian restaurant with a wide selection of salads, pasta, pizza, and grilled food, as well as a separate breakfast menu. A kids' menu is available for £6.50, including a drink, breadsticks, a main and ice cream.

Open 08:00-23:00 Monday-Sunday / Wheelchair accessible

Rudy's, Castle Street and Bold Street

Rudy's is a great place to have Neapolitan-style pizza in Liverpool. With two locations in the city centre, it is never too long a walk away.

Open Monday-Sunday 12:00-23:00 Castle Street; 12:00-21:00 Bold Street / Wheelchair accessible

Veggie Republic, Cook Street

On the menu of this fully vegan eatery, you can find a wide range of familiar favourites from Indian dhals to Cuban tacos and Greek gyros for affordable prices. The restaurant also offers a separate menu featuring vegan takes on some staple kids' dishes, such as mac and cheese and nuggets.

Open 16:00-21:00 Wednesdays and Thursdays, 13:00—22:00 Fridays and Saturdays and 13:00-20:00 Sundays / No wheelchair access

Restaurants in Liverpool ONE

If you desire something tried and tested, head over to the Liverpool ONE Shopping Centre, where you will find a wealth of choice between popular chains, including Pizza Express, Zizzi, Las Iguanas, Wagamama, and Pret A Manger.

Find opening hours and more information on the [Liverpool ONE website](#).

TOURS

Whether you're arriving early, or staying on after the conference, here's a list of activities to help you explore the wonderful city of Liverpool.

Please note, all bookings are to be made directly with the tour organisers, they are not managed by the conference team.

[Blue Route City & Beatles Tour - Liverpool City Sights*](#)

*With additional access to the Multilingual Bus Tour for FREE!

Tour Times: 11:00/13:00/15:00

Ticket prices: Adult £16, Senior/Student £12

Ecology Across Borders delegates can receive an exclusive 10% discount with the code BES10

Departure location: Liverpool City Sights Box Office, Canada Boulevard, Pier Head, Liverpool, Merseyside, L3 1DS

The City and Beatles Tour offers a vibrant and in-depth account of Liverpool's most historic and celebrated sights, as well as a fascinating exploration of prominent Beatles attractions, and is now Liverpool's No. 1 experience on Trip Advisor.

[Beatles Magical Mystery Tour](#)

Tour times: 11:00 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 16:00

Ticket prices: £19.95 per person

Departure location: Magical Mystery Tour Ticket Office, Anchor Courtyard, Albert Dock, Liverpool, Merseyside, L3 4AS.

Step aboard the colourful Magical Mystery Tour bus for a fun and fascinating 2-hour tour of Beatles Liverpool. You'll see all the places associated with John, Paul, George, and Ringo as they grew up, met, and formed the band that would take the pop world by storm.

[Liverpool Cycle Tours Ltd](#)

Join Liverpool Cycle Tours on one of their hugely popular guided tours, now with a full fleet of electric bicycles.

[City Centre Sightseeing Tour](#)

Tour times: 10:30 – 12:00/14:00 – 15:30

Ticket prices: Adult £17, Student £15

Distance: 5 miles

Departure location: Safestore UK, Jordan Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L1 0BG

A bicycle tour of Liverpool City Centre featuring many of the highlights of this remarkable City on a mostly downhill 90-minute tour. Liverpool is steeped in history, as can be seen in its buildings. Experience some of the breath-taking architecture in all its glory in an eco-friendly way.

[The Beatles Tour on Electric Bicycles](#)

Tour times: 09:30 – 13:00/14:00 – 17:30

Ticket prices: Adult £37, Student £34

Distance: 16.5 miles

Departure location: Safestore UK, Jordan Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L1 0BG

Get your “Ticket to Ride” on our 3.5-hour tour of The Beatles on our state-of-the-art electric-assisted bikes. Taking in such sites as Penny Lane, Strawberry field and many more.

[Old Dock Tour](#)

Tour times: 10:30 – 11:30/12:00 – 13:00/14.30 – 15:30

Ticket prices: Adult £7.50, Students £6.50

Departure location: By the large anchor outside the Maritime Museum and visitors walk to the nearby Old Dock.

Organised by National Museums Liverpool, discover the origin of Liverpool's fortune, buried underneath Liverpool ONE. Revealed during excavations on the site in 2001, the story of the world's first commercial enclosed wet dock is explored on this guided tour. You will discover how a brave idea and an innovative feat of engineering shaped Liverpool's destiny forever.

[Lunt meadows – Wildlife Trust](#)

Tour times: N/A

Opening hours: 09:30 – 16:30

Ticket prices: FREE

Departure location: 1-hour bus (number 133) from Queen Square Bus Station or a 30-minute drive. Access via free carpark.

This spectacular wetland nature reserve, nestled along the meandering River Alt in North Merseyside, wasn't always the wildlife wonderland it is today. Between 2012 and 2014 it was intensively farmed arable land, and only when it was bought by the Environment Agency for development as a flood storage reservoir (that would double as a nature reserve) did Lunt Meadows become a real destination for bird-lovers. Don't miss a winter visit to see their famous short-eared owls hunting over the fields in broad daylight.

[The Beatles Story](#)

Tour times: N/A, tickets with time slots must be purchased online in advance of your visit

Opening hours: 10:00–16:00

Ticket prices: Adult £17.00, Senior/Students £13.50

Location: Britannia Vaults, Albert Dock, L3 4AD (3-mins walk from ACC Liverpool)

The award-winning 'The Beatles Story' is the world's largest permanent exhibition purely devoted to telling the story of the lives and times of The Beatles. Located on the stunning waterfront at the Royal Albert Dock, The Beatles Story takes visitors on an immersive, atmospheric journey through the story of the lives, times, culture, and music of The Beatles.

[Free Walking Tour](#)

Tour times: 11:00 - Saturday & Sunday

Ticket prices: Tip based

Duration: Typically 3 hours

Departure location: St George's Hall by the Prince Albert Statue, Liverpool, L1 1JJ

Liverpool is known for its contemporary art scene, its music exports, and as the UK's most bombed city in World War II. This Free Tour starts at St George's Hall and covers many of Liverpool's top attractions, including the Museum of Liverpool, the Town Hall, St John's Gardens, the Victoria Monument and much more, finishing by the Royal Albert Dock.

Head to the [Visit Liverpool website](#) for alternative options for sightseeing and tours.