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ABOUT LONDON

England's capital, a city steeped in history and culture, London has an extensive amount to offer visitors. A popular tourist destination, it is home to famous historical landmarks such as Big Ben, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London, and iconic contemporary buildings such as the Shard, the Gherkin, and the Walkie-Talkie. A cultural melting pot, it boasts a diverse population and is home to hundreds of museums and galleries, highlights include the Tate galleries, the British Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Explore London's world-famous performing arts in theatres or music venues in the West End and across the city. Visitors will recognise the characteristic double decker buses, red telephone boxes, and black cabs scattered through the streets. Alongside these metropolitan hallmarks London also offers incredible access to green spaces and nature, with 35,000 acres of parks, the celebrated Kew Gardens, and the renowned River Thames. In 2019 London became the world's first National Park City.

TRAVELLING TO LONDON

By train

You can travel to several train stations in London from the UK and abroad, however the closest stations to the venue are:

- Waterloo: 5-minute walk
- Waterloo East: 5-minute walk
- Blackfriars: 12-minute walk
- London Bridge: 22-minute walk
- Charing Cross: 22-minute walk

By air

London has six main airports which are all connected by public transport:

Heathrow Airport

- By London Underground/Tube: The Piccadilly line runs to [Heathrow Airport](#) terminals 2,3 and 5. The journey to central London takes about 50 minutes.
- By rail: [TfL Rail](#) runs from Paddington station to Heathrow terminals 2 and 3 (there's a free shuttle that connects to terminal 5). TfL Rail services run every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday and every 60 minutes on Sundays. The journey is around 25 minutes. [Heathrow Express](#) also runs several non-stop trains every hour to and from Paddington.
- By road: [National Express](#) operates a regular service to and from [Victoria Coach Station](#).

Gatwick Airport

- By rail: [Thameslink](#) runs several trains every hour to and from London Bridge, City Thameslink, Farringdon and King's Cross and St Pancras International.
- By road: [National Express](#) runs a regular coach service to and from [Victoria Coach Station](#).

Stansted Airport

- By rail: [Stansted Express](#) runs several trains every hour to and from Liverpool Street station. [Abellio Greater Anglia](#) runs train services to Liverpool Street and Stratford stations.
- By road: [National Express](#) and [Terravision](#) run coach services to and from Victoria, Liverpool Street and Stratford.

Luton Airport

- By rail: A regular shuttle bus connects [Luton Airport](#) to Luton Airport Parkway train station. [Thameslink](#) and [East Midlands Railway](#) run a frequent service to King's Cross and St Pancras International. Thameslink also runs several trains every hour to London Bridge and Blackfriars station, which are 10-20-minute walks to the venue.
- By road: [Arriva](#) runs a regular bus service to and from central London (Green Line route 757). [National Express](#) and [Easybus](#) run a regular coach and bus service to and from Baker Street.

London City Airport

- DLR: The [Docklands Light Railway](#) (DLR) runs to London City Airport every 10 minutes from Bank. From Bank, take the Waterloo and City Line for 4 minutes to Waterloo Station.

Southend Airport

- [Abellio Greater Anglia](#) runs train services to Liverpool Street and Stratford stations.

Use the TFL travel app [TfL Go](#) to plan your journey to and from London's airports and rails stations and check the [Tube map](#) to find your way across the network.

Best ways to pay

You can [pay as you go](#) using [your contactless card](#), [Oyster](#) or a [Visitor Oyster card](#) to travel to and from:

- Heathrow Airport on the London Underground and on TfL Rail
- Gatwick Airport on Gatwick Express, Southern and Thameslink train services
- London City Airport on the DLR

By car

London is easy to reach using the UK's motorway network. The M1, M3, M4, M11, M20, M25 and M40 motorways are in or near London, and the capital has a great number of major A-roads. All of London's motorways intersect with the M25 orbital motorway. The [Ultra Low Emission Zone \(ULEZ\)](#) covers all areas within the North and South Circular roads and operates 24 hours a day every day. The North Circular (A406) and South Circular (A205) roads themselves are not in the zone.

By coach

Coaches are a good option for traveling to London from almost anywhere in the UK or abroad.

[Victoria coach station](#) is London's principal coach gateway. It's located in the heart of the city in busy Victoria, a short walk from Victoria mainline railway and Tube station. Other London coach stations include [London Stratford Coach Stop](#) at Stratford City Bus Station and [London Liverpool Street Coach Station](#).

[National Express](#) is the UK's most popular coach operator and offers travel to destinations across the country.

TRAVELLING WITHIN LONDON AND TO THE VENUE

The venue

Coin Street Conference Centre is a not-for-profit social enterprise owned, managed and maintained by Coin Street Community Builders.

From a derelict site in 1984, they have created a thriving, diverse and welcoming location in Waterloo and North Southwark, for people to live, work and play. This development has been possible thanks to a remarkable campaign in the 70s and 80s led by local residents and supporters, leading to the purchase of a 13-acre site and the establishment of Coin Street Community Builders.

All income generated from the hire of their event spaces is invested back into the community. Therefore, by attending our symposium, you are supporting their mission and making a positive impact on the lives of their community members.

Make sure to visit Bernie Spain Garden, a hidden oasis at the heart of this community site, providing better air-quality and an accessible public space for people to be close to nature.

Venue address

Coin Street Conference Centre,
108 Stamford St,
London SE1 9NH
United Kingdom

By London Underground

The London Underground, or 'tube', is a great way to travel around London quickly. Below are the stations closest to the venue, with information about which lines to catch to get there:

- Waterloo (Bakerloo, Jubilee and Northern lines): 5-minute walk
- Blackfriars (Circle and District lines): 5-minute walk
- Southwark (Jubilee line): 7-minute walk
- Blackfriars (Circle and District lines): 5-minute walk

There are also several [National Rail and London Overground](#) services available throughout the city connecting to Waterloo and Blackfriars. You can use your contactless card or Oyster card on all rail services.

By bus

Travelling by bus will allow you to see the sites as you travel. There are three main bus stops close to Coin Street, and a number of buses you can catch to get there:

- Waterloo Station: 1, 4, 26, 59, 68, 76, 77, 139, 168, 171, 172, 176, 188, 211, 243, 341, 381, 507, 521
- Blackfriars Bridge: 45, 63, 100
- Stamford Street: 381

By boat

For a more exciting way to travel, why not try one of London's [Uber Boats by Thames Clippers](#) which offers services from all major London piers every 10 – 20 minutes. There are 3 within walking distance of Coin Street:

- Blackfriars Millennium pier: 7-minute walk
- Festival pier: 14-minute walk
- Bankside Pier: 15-minute walk

By bike

Bikes can only be taken on public transport in London at specific times and on certain routes. Find out where and when on the [TfL website](#).

Local bike racks

If you live in London, or plan to commute with a bike, there are plenty of bike racks available for public use directly outside of the venue. Please note that these are public racks and are not guarded by the conference venue, so they are left at your own risk.

Santander cycles

There are more than 12,000 bikes at around 800 docking stations across London. We have listed the closest 4 below, but you can find your nearest one on the [TfL website](#).

- Waterloo Bridge, 14 bikes – 2minute walk
- Milroy Walk, 30 bikes – 3-minute walk
- Stamford Street, 27 bikes – 3-minute walk
- Sea Containers, 28 bikes – 5-minute walk

By foot

As well as being a relatively flat city, London is full of landmarks, parks, and riverside views, which can make walking a wonderful way to explore and take in all the sights. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

By car

We would recommend travelling to the venue by public transport, if possible, as parking within central London can be very expensive. The venue is also located within the London [Congestion Charge Zone](#). However, there is a secure underground car park adjacent to the centre, but this does require payment:

- [Cornwall Road](#), Waterloo Car Park

By taxi

London is very well connected with public transport links, which we recommend delegates use wherever possible. However, there are also currently around 21,000 licensed black cabs in London, which have been a celebrated icon of British life since the 17th century. They can be booked in advance, hailed on the street, or picked up from designated taxi ranks. Please visit the [TfL website](#) for more info on how to book a black cab. You can also travel by car in London through apps such as Uber and Bolt.

If you are planning to travel by public transport within the city, we recommend that you download the app [CityMapper](#). This will allow you to type in your desired destination and plan your route for you.

THINGS TO DO IN LONDON

Southbank Walk

Considered one of the best walks around London, the South Bank to Southwark walk along the Thames offers walkers lots to see and do. Starting at Westminster Bridge, looking towards the Houses of Parliament, and walking all the way to Tower Bridge is the perfect way to spend your time in London exploring history, culture, riverside views, food markets & much more.

[Borough Market](#)

(Open weekdays 10:00-17:00, Sat 08:00-17:00 and Sun 10:00-15:00; free entry, accessibility information on their website)

Located by London Bridge station, Borough Market is one of London's oldest food markets and a must-visit for any food lover in the city. Here you will find a fantastic selection of restaurant and food stalls from all over the world.

Public Viewing Gallery at the Oxo Tower

(Open daily 11:00-18:00, free entry)

Oxo Tower Wharf is an award-winning, landmark building situated on the riverside walkway part of London's fast moving South Bank and Bankside areas. Visit the bar and public viewing terrace situated on the 8th floor of the tower to enjoy a panoramic view of London's skyline.

[The Barbican Centre](#)

(Open daily 10:00-19:00, mix of free and paid for exhibits)

This world-class arts and learning centre has a range of exhibitions on, from film screenings, to music performances, to art installations. Visit the hidden tropical oasis

in their conservatory or purchase a ticket to one of their paid-for exhibitions, such as “Our time on Earth”, exploring the vital connection between human beings and the natural world.

The Natural History Museum

(Open daily 10:00-17:50, free entry, booking required)

Dive into the history of our planet at one of the most famous museums in London. As well as a blue whale skeleton and meteorites from outer space, you can find incredible free displays such as “Our Broken Planet: How We Got Here and Ways to Fix It”, which explores how humans have transformed the natural world, and examine some of the solutions that could help mend our broken planet.

Hayward Gallery

(Open Wed 11:00 - 21:00; Thu – Sat 11:00 - 19:00; Sun 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon & Tue; mix of free and paid for exhibits)

One of London’s most renowned spaces for displaying contemporary art, the Hayward Gallery is an icon of the 60s brutalist architecture. Built and opened in 1968, this art gallery offers a wide range of temporary exhibitions of modern artworks each year. Don’t miss: “The Woven Child”, an exciting fabric & textiles exhibition of the late work of the French-American artist Louise Bourgeois.

Royal Festival Hall

(Mon & Tue 10:00 - 18:00; Wed - Sun 10:00 – 23:00; mix of free and paid for performances & displays)

Built in 1951, the Royal Festival Hall is one of the world’s leading performance venues, located in London’s Southbank Centre. Until 15 May you can find an amazing free display to explore the life & legacy of global musical icon Ravi Shankar, through the lens of family archives.

BFI Southbank

(Mon – Sun 11:00 – 23:00)

If you are a film-lover, head to this world-renowned, four-cinema film centre for a wide selection of contemporary and classic film screenings, film festivals, talks & events.

The Tate Modern

(Open daily 10:00-17:00, free entry, booking required)

Get in touch with your artistic side by visiting the Tate Modern, which holds a collection of modern and contemporary art, and a number of exhibitions. Keep an eye out for “A year in art: Australia 1992”, which explores the continuing relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have with their lands, modern Australia, and the ongoing impact of colonisation.

London Parks

(various opening and closing times, typically close at dusk)

With over 3,000 parks, covering around 35,000 acres, London has plenty to offer in green spaces. Take some time to explore the incredible parks in the heart of the capital, including St James’ Park, one of the eight Royal Parks and only a 20-minute walk from the venue.

Food and drink

London boasts an array of restaurants and bars sporting cuisines from around the world, including familiar chains and independent establishments. If you have the time, the best way to come across interesting independent cafes, restaurants, and shops is to take a stroll around the cobbled streets of Waterloo, Southwark and Borough.

The Green Room

(Open Mon-Tue 12:00-21:00, Wed-Fri 12:00-23:00, Sat 11:00-23:00, Sun 12:00-18:00)

Located within a short walking distance of our conference venue, this restaurant is surrounded by a beautiful garden and their menu includes vegan and gluten-free options.

Mercato Metropolitano

(Mon-Thu 12:00-23:00, Fri-Sat 12:00-00:00, Sun 12:00-22:00)

London's first sustainable food market focuses on quality, traceability, and ethical production and hosts a wide variety locally sourced food traders. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

Deliciously Ella

(Open Mon-Fri 08:30-22:00, Sat 09:00-22:00, Sun 09:00-16:30)

Located in the heart of London, this 100% plant-based restaurant offers a wide variety of gluten-free options and focuses on recyclable packaging and minimising landfill waste.

Honest Burgers Southbank

(Open Mon-Fri 12:00-21:30, Thu 11:30-22:00, Fri-Sat 11:30-22:30 and Sun 11:30-22:00)

With a selection of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available, Honest Burgers is a sure crowd-pleaser for a bite to eat. There is also step-free access.

Rosa's Thai Café

(Open Mon-Sun 12:00-22:00)

Rosa's is well known for serving honest, delicious Thai food, combining modern London with modern Bangkok. Vegan and vegetarian options available and a gluten-free menu.

Southbank Centre Food Market

(Open Fri 12:00-21:00, Sat 11:00-21:00, Sun 12:00 – 18:00)

If you're staying in London over the weekend, with a huge choice of street food and drinks, the Southbank Centre Food Market is a must-visit.

Café Van Gogh

(Open Tue-Fri 09:00-16:00 then 17:00-21:00, Sat 10:00-15:30 then 17:00-21:00, Sun 12:00-16:30, Mon closed)

If you have a bit of extra time to explore further afield, we recommend a visit to this well-known café/restaurant. A not-for-profit social enterprise striving to be zero waste. It's 100% vegan, with gluten-free options available.

REGISTRATION TIMES

Wednesday 11 May: 09:00 – 10:00

Thursday 12 May: 09:30 – 10:00

PRESENTER GUIDELINES

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

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Wednesday 11 May

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 **Conference welcome**

10:30 – 12:00 **Session 1. Extreme weather events**

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 **Session 2. Shifting climates shaping ecology**

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **Session 3. Ecological understanding to improve climate prediction & adaptation**

17:00 – 18:30 Poster session

19:00 – 22:30 Conference dinner

Thursday 12 May

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 12:00 **Session 4. From research to operations**

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 **Parallel workshops**

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **Session 5. Biodiversity change scenarios & targets**

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing**

The printed programme will contain the presenter name and presentation title only. You can download full abstracts of the open call talks and posters from the [delegate webpage](#).

MEET UP BEFORE AND AFTER THE MAIN EVENT

If you are arriving on Tuesday 10 May or staying a bit longer on Thursday 12 May, we have reserved a small space at [The Understudy](#), where you can meet other delegates before the conference begins, and continue conversations once it is over.

The Understudy is a craft beer pub at the National Theatre, a short walk from the venue on London's Southbank by the River Thames.

The table is booked from 20:00 on Tuesday 10 May and from 18:00 on Thursday 12 May under the name British Ecological Society. Any food or drinks should be purchased by delegates.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Covid-19 measures

Covid-19 remains in general circulation. The measures below will reduce the risk of spreading the virus at the event and help protect us all. Thank you for supporting everyone's safety and wellbeing.

- You must not attend the conference if you have tested positive for, or have symptoms of, COVID-19.
- We ask that delegates are fully vaccinated.
- Wearing a face mask is encouraged throughout the venue, unless medically exempt, or when eating, drinking, or at a seated dinner.
- Where possible, we encourage delegates to take a lateral flow test before attending the conference to help protect others. But as Covid tests are no longer freely available in the UK, this is not mandatory.
- The venue will provide increased ventilation in all indoor spaces.
- Sanitiser stations will be available to use throughout the building.

DELEGATE INFORMATION

Registration

Registration opens at 09:00 on Wednesday 11 May. Upon entry to the building, you will see the Registration Desk. Please do not arrive before this time. There will be tea and coffee available before the first session starts but do make sure to have some breakfast before your arrival. Registration opens from 09:30 on Thursday 12 May.

Poster session

The poster session will take place in the Neighbourhood Room on the ground floor on Wednesday 11 May from 17:00 – 18:30. Drinks will be provided.

Conference dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place on Wednesday evening from 19:00 – 22:30 at The Doggett's Coat and Badge pub, an 8-minute walk from the conference venue. This is a ticketed event, **and it is now fully booked**. If you are booked onto the dinner there will be a welcome drink, three-course meal and some drinks over dinner provided. A cash bar will be available for any additional drinks. As you are likely to come straight from the conference venue, there will be room to store any coats and bags. There will

be a short 'pub quiz' over the course of the evening, having a mix of ecologists and climate scientists on your team will work in your favour!

Social media

We love social media – it's a great way to connect with people across the world to share ideas and create collaborations. We heartily encourage delegates to tweet, post and share their experiences – our symposium is all about building relationships.

However, we understand that not everyone may want their research broadcast. We respect that, so have created a 'do not share' image for you to add to your poster or talk presentation. We ask that fellow attendees respect that request and refrain from sharing that particular talk or poster. If you do not include this image on your presentation, we will assume you are happy for your research to be shared.

Internet

You can login to the building Wi-Fi using the details below:

- **Name:** Coin Street Community Builders
- **Password:** 3vents2016

Food and refreshments

Your registration includes tea/coffee and lunch on both Wednesday and Thursday, and some drinks during the Poster Session on Wednesday evening. All catering will be available in the Neighbourhood Room on the ground floor during the designated breaks. If you fancy a coffee or a snack outside of the main catering times, there is a Pret a Manger a short 3-minute walk from the venue. Turn left out of the venue, walk straight along Stamford Street and Pret will be on your left.

Badges

For security and regulation purposes, please ensure you **wear your registration badge at all times throughout the venue.**

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.**

Cloak room

There will be a cloak room located on the third floor.

Lost property

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

Smoking policy

Please note that smoking is not permitted inside the building.

First aid

Should you require first aid assistance during the symposium, please contact a member of BES staff, who will be able to guide you to the appointed first aider.

Fire safety

If the fire alarm is activated a loud siren will sound. Please leave via the staircase, do not use any lifts. Staff will inform guests when it is safe to re-enter the building. There is no planned fire alarm taking place during the symposium, so any alarm will be the real thing.

Accessibility within the building

The venue is fully accessible, with lift access to all levels, and accessible toilets on all levels as well.

Insurance and liability

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

Currency

London uses the Pound Stirling (GBP).

Electricity voltage

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

Time zone

London is currently within BST (British Summer Time).

Disclaimer

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

CONTACT

If you have any questions leading up to the symposium, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Clim4Ecol team at events@britishecologicalsociety.org