



UVAC
UNIVERSITY VOCATIONAL AWARDS COUNCIL

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024
ICC, Birmingham**

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

25 **UVAC**
25 years of championing
higher technical and
professional learning

Welcome to #UVAC2024

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the UVAC National Conference on Wednesday 6 November either online or at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

UVAC turns 25 this year and so the conference is celebrating this milestone with the theme of 'Back to the future in apprenticeships and technical education'.

Our conference programme offers you a busy day with a range of informative and engaging talks, presentations, and workshops and we will be publishing our full programme very soon.

We've put together some information that you may find useful



How do I get to the ICC, Birmingham?

Whether you are arriving by train, travelling by car or live locally the ICC website has plenty of useful information about how to get to the ICC.

<https://www.theicc.co.uk/find-us/>

If you are travelling by train there are 3 stations to choose from, all in the city centre, and all just a short walk from the ICC with New Street Station the closest.

Visitors arriving by car will need to be aware of Birmingham's Clean Air Zone. The ICC and associated visitor car parks are located within this area.

Arriving at the ICC & registration

When you arrive at the ICC, there will be plenty of people to welcome you and direct you to our conference. Our reception desk will be outside Halls 9 and 10. UVAC Associates will be on hand to help you and we are endeavouring to make registration as quick and easy as possible, so we will be scanning your ticket QR code as you arrive. You will then be free to pick up your lanyard.

Please make sure you have your ticket available either on your phone or printed.

What time does the conference start and finish?

Doors open to delegates at 8.30am. We break for refreshments at 11.35, and for lunch at 12.45, with an afternoon break at 15.25. Our programme wraps up with a short summing up by Dr Mandy Crawford-Lee, at 5pm, after which all our speakers, delegates, sponsors and exhibitors are invited to join the UVAC team as we celebrate 25 years of UVAC with a drinks reception until 6pm

Do I need to book the breakout sessions I want to attend?

Each of our breakout sessions offers you a choice of 4 workshops, but there's no need to book ahead of the day.

Whether you attend in person or virtually ALL content is available to ALL delegates post conference, meaning that you have every opportunity to access the huge choice of informative and engaging talks, presentations, and workshops on offer after the conference.

I'm attending online - how do I log in

We'll be sending out log-in details in the week prior to the conference, so remember to check your inboxes for details.

What's the Online Expo ?

As a hybrid conference the online platform plays a vital role in extending sponsors and exhibitors reach to ALL conference delegates. The online interactive Expo experience hosts videos, downloadable resources, and team bios, as well as full information about all our event sponsors and exhibitors.

Will I have access to session recordings even if I attend in person?

You have access to every session recording, plus all the bonus exhibitor resources on the day after the conference and the log in details will be shared with you nearer the date of the conference.

Will the conference be photographed / filmed?

We have a photographer working with us to capture the day. Your image may appear in future publications, promotional material or online. However, if you do not want to be included, please let us know as soon as you can and we will try our best to exclude you from official photographs or films taken.

Who do I tell if I have food allergies?

If you've not completed these details on booking then please email conference@uvac.ac.uk by 20 October to let our team know of any dietary requirements.