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JOINING INSTRUCTIONS – WISERD ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Thank you for registering to attend the WISERD Annual Conference 2026, taking place on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July 2026 at Cardiff University**. This document contains important joining information about the event; you can also access the conference programme and abstract booklet on the [WISERD website](#). Please ensure that you take some time to familiarise yourself with the information in both documents before your visit.

CONFERENCE VENUE & LOCATION

The conference will take place at:

Cardiff University in the Bute Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff CF10 3NB.

Please visit the [Cardiff University website](#) to view the [AccessAble accessibility guide](#) to Bute Building, which contains information and photographs to help visitors plan their journey to and around the building.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE

Please visit the [Cardiff University website](#) to view directions to the Bute Building. Click on the link '[University Maps](#)', scroll through the locations and select 'Bute Building' to generate directions from your location via Google Maps.



TRAVEL BY CAR

Cardiff is served by the M4 and is easily accessible from all parts of the UK. For more information about getting to Cardiff by car, please visit the [Cardiff University website](#).

TRAVEL BY BUS

Cardiff is served by many local and national bus services. For more information on getting to the University by bus, please visit the [Cardiff University website](#).

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

The nearest mainline railway station is Cardiff Central. It takes around 25 minutes to walk to the Bute Building. Taxis are available outside the station.

The nearest local station is Cathays, Transport for Wales (TfW) trains run regularly from Cardiff Central station to Cathays. For more information, please visit the [Transport for Wales website](#). It is a five to 10-minute walk from Cathays to the Bute Building.

For more information on getting to the University by train, please visit the [Cardiff University website](#).

PARKING

The Bute Building car park is currently closed. Parking within the University is extremely limited and we recommend that, where possible, you use public transport. If you are coming by car, there are a number of on-street pay and display parking spaces (both short-term and long-term) as well as car parks in and around the city centre. We recommend using the [Visit Cardiff](#) and [Council websites](#) for information on further parking options.

If you are a blue badge holder, please advise us as soon as possible at WiserdAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk so that we can let you know where to find the nearest available parking.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Upon arrival, all delegates should register at the conference registration desk which will be in the lobby on the right as you go into the Bute Building. Registration opens at 08:30 on both days. The registration desk will be staffed throughout the conference and the WISERD Conference Team will be happy to answer any questions you may have. It will be open at the following times:

- Day 1 – Wednesday 8th July: 08:30-18:00
- Day 2 – Thursday 9th July: 08:30-16:45

BADGES

All delegates will be issued with a badge at the registration desk. Please wear this at all times during the conference. Please return your badge to the registration desk at the end of day two.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference programme is available to view on the [WISERD website](#). We are not providing printed copies of the programme at the conference however, the programme will be available via a QR code at the conference and large printouts will be visible throughout the conference venue.

Our **New Researcher Session** runs from 09:00-11:00 on the 8th July. The session is open to all conference delegates and is a welcoming, collegial space where new researchers can share ideas and build connections. We hope to see you there.

Below is a summarised version of the programme for reference. Session titles will be displayed outside each room. Delegates can choose the sessions they want to attend on the day, however there may be limits on attendance at any one session if room capacity is reached. Once you have selected a session to attend, please try and stay for the duration of the session if possible. Please note that the conference programme may be subject to change.

Conference papers in stream D will be delivered through the medium of Welsh; this will be reflected in the programme, and simultaneous translation will be available.

The WISERD Conference Team will be on hand to guide delegates between different sessions. Please let the team know in advance by email at WiserdAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk if you have any accessibility requirements or visit us at the registration desk during the conference if you require assistance.

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:10	Welcome to the WISERD Annual Conference – Adam Hedgecoe, WISERD Director
09:10-09:15	Welcome to the New Researcher Session – Peter Wootton-Beard, WGSSS
09:15-11:00	New Researcher Open Papers
11:00-11:15	Refreshment Break
11:15-12:00	New Researcher 3-Minute Flash Talks
12:00-12:30	Address from Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Session 1
15:00-15:15	Comfort Break
15:15-16:45	Session 2

16:45-17:00	Refreshment Break
17:00-18:00	Keynote Panel: Critical reflections on the Future Generations Act 10 years on. Panel: Joe Rossiter (Institute of Welsh Affairs), Caer Smyth (Cardiff University), Anwen Elias and Rhys Jones (Aberystwyth University)
18:00	End of Day 1

THURSDAY 9th JULY

08:30-09:15	Registration
09:15-10:45	Session 3
10:45-11:00	Refreshment Break
11:00-12:00	Keynote: Professor Rebecca Coleman, University of Bristol – The future politics of everyday life
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30	Session 4
14:30-14:45	Comfort Break
14:45-16:15	Session 5
15:15-16:30	Conference Closing Remarks – Adam Hedgecoe, WISERD Director
16:30	End of Conference

During the breaks, please visit:

- **The Poster Exhibition** – on the balcony of the Exhibition Hall – Room 0.66
- **The Exhibition Stands** – in the entrance lobby by the registration desk

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT BOOKLET

The final conference abstract booklet will be made available on the [WISERD website](#) shortly before the conference.

The abstract booklet will also be available via a QR code at the conference.

If you would like to request an English abstract in Welsh, please let the WISERD Conference Team know: wiserdannualconference@cardiff.ac.uk.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE

If you have any access or dietary requirements that you have not yet advised us of, or have any questions regarding the conference, or your booking, please contact the WISERD Conference Team **as soon as possible** by emailing us: WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk.

ACCESSIBILITY

The following link will take you to information about accessibility in the Bute Building.
[AccessAble - Your Accessibility Guide](#).

You will be able to find out about the sloped/ramped access to the front of the building and details about the lift that gives access to the different floors (please ensure you have a mobile phone with you when using lift).

The conference rooms that we are using are accessible for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. Please email WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk, if you have any questions or accessibility requirements you haven't advised us of yet.

Based on the feedback we received last year we are now including a **quiet/wellbeing space** in room 0.18 and a **prayer room** in 2.53. This is part of a series of measures to promote inclusive practices in a conference setting. Just ask a member of the WISERD Conference Team if you require any help with locating these rooms during the event.

FIRE EVACUATION

There is no fire drill planned, so if the alarm does sound, assume it is real and exit via your nearest emergency exit. The assembly point is at the front of the building, past the bollards. Please wait at the assembly point until advised it is safe to return to the building.

FIRST AID

Please contact a member of the WISERD Conference Team who will be able to assist you and can call the Security Team if needed. Security staff are first aid trained and available 24/7. Contact them by phone: 02920 874 444.

The nearest defibrillator is located nearby in Main Building.

CATERING: REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

During the conference, refreshments and lunch will be served in the foyer of the Bute Building. Seating for lunch will be available in rooms 0.15, 0.41 and in the main Exhibition Hall.

Our catering team will try to accommodate any dietary requirements that they have been advised of. Please do get in touch in advance at WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk if there are any requirements you haven't yet told us about yet, or if you have any questions. If there are any issues with catering to your specific needs, the WISERD Conference Team will contact you.

If you have let us know that you have specific dietary requirements, please introduce yourself during registration and let a member of the WISERD Conference Team know if you have any questions about the catering during the conference.

There are a number of drinking water stations in the building where you can re-fill your water bottle. Please ask a member of the WISERD Conference Team for directions to the nearest drinking water tap.

INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS

If you are presenting a paper at the conference, please email WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk with a copy of your presentation by **3rd July 2026**.

Please also bring a copy of your presentation/paper with you on a USB drive as back-up.

Please contact WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk if you need to discuss any additional requirements.

New Researcher Session

- **Single paper:** 10-minute presentation, followed by five minutes for questions (session is one hour and 45 minutes altogether)
- **3-Minute Flasktalk:** three-minute presentation, followed by three minutes for one question (session is 45 minutes altogether)
- **Poster:** Please bring your A1 portrait orientated poster to the registration desk

Main Programme

- **Single paper:** 15-minute presentation, followed by five minutes for questions (each session is 90 minutes)
- **Workshops and symposiums** have been allocated a whole session each (90 minutes)

AV EQUIPMENT

Standard AV equipment is available to be used with your presentation: this includes a computer and an HDMI port, if you want to connect your own device. **If you are a MacBook user or use a laptop that requires a USB-c connection adapter, please bring your own as we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide one for you.**

Some of the rooms will have a selection of static and wireless microphones. Please ask the WISERD Conference Team if you need any help with these.

WI-FI

Complimentary guest Wi-Fi is available for the conference. Information will be provided at the venue.

WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA

If you would like to interact or share anything interesting that you see or hear at the conference, please use **#WISERD2026**.

For updates on the event and other news, you can find us in the following places:

Website: wiserd.ac.uk
Bluesky: [/wiserd-research.bsky.social](https://wiserd-research.bsky.social)
Facebook: [/WISERDNews](https://WISERDNews)
Instagram: [/wiserdnews](https://wiserdnews)
LinkedIn: [/company/wiserdnews](https://company/wiserdnews)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please note, we will be taking photos and recording video footage throughout the event. We will use these to share news about the event. Please speak to a member of the WISERD Conference Team if you would prefer not to be filmed.

SMOKING POLICY AND NAKED FLAMES

In accordance with the National Assembly for Wales' Smoke-free premises etc. (Wales) regulations 2007, smoking is not permitted in any enclosed or substantially enclosed public space. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in any University building, at building entrances or within five metres of any building.

MOBILE PHONES AND LAPTOPS

As a courtesy to presenters and colleagues, please ensure that all mobile phones and laptops are switched to silent during the conference sessions.

WISERD CONFERENCE TEAM

The WISERD Conference Team will be identifiable by their purple-coloured badges. If you have any queries, questions or comments during the conference please see the WISERD Conference Team at the registration desk or email WISERDAnnualConference@cardiff.ac.uk.

CAMPUS SECURITY

When the WISERD Conference Team is unavailable, Cardiff University's Security Team can be contacted at controlroom@cardiff.ac.uk or on 02920 874 444 if you require information, advice, first aid or to report a crime.