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Welcome to RCUK 2025!

We are excited to be hosting this year's conference at Bangor University, in beautiful North-West Wales.

We look forward to welcoming you in December and hope this guide helps you prepare for your visit and make the most of your time at the conference.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact us – a member of our team will be happy to help: rcuk2025@bangor.ac.uk



#Venue – Main Arts

The conference will be held at the Main University Building (Main Arts) on Friday and Saturday. It is a 15 min walk from the train station and the high street.



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Main Arts

High street

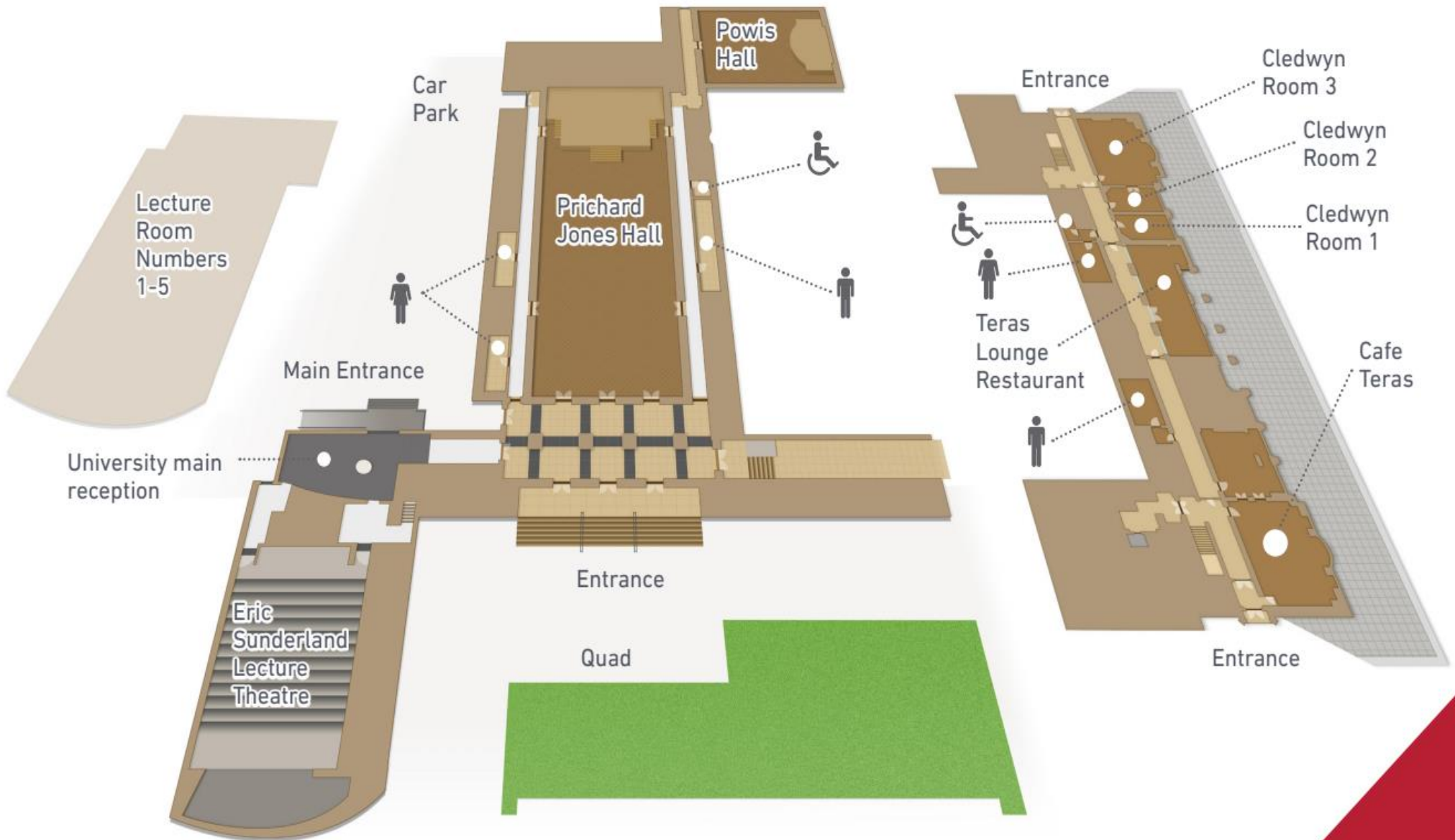
Train station

Main Arts Building Layout

Level 1

Ground level

Basement level





Friday #Workshops

There will be multiple workshops on Friday. These will be held in the Hugh Owen Hall in the Management Centre, which is a min walk from main arts

Check out the website for RCUK booking!

Saturday #Conference

The conference on Saturday will be held in the Eric Sunderland (MALT) lecture theatre. Posters will be displayed at the Pritchard Jones (PJ) Hall, where you can also enjoy coffee and lunch.

Join us at 8:30 am for registration for a prompt start at 9:15 am!





Saturday #Reception

Join us for evening drinks in Powis Hall, Main Arts.

After that, we'll make our way to the Blue Sky Café on the High Street and pizzas at the Wood Fired Shack!



Sunday #Trip to Newborough

A designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and Natural Nature, Newborough Warren is a large sand dune system, home to rare plants and animals.

Date: 7th December 2025

Pick-up location: In front of Pontio, Deiniol Road, Bangor

Pickup time: 10am

Return time: ~1pm



#Accommodation



The Management Centre

1 min walk to Main Arts

Student Halls

5-min walk to Main Arts



The Menai Hotel and Bar

6 min walk to Main Arts

Nomi Rooms & Restaurant

15 min walk to Main Arts



Bangor offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit all needs and budgets. All the recommended places to stay are located in the city centre, within easy walking distance of the University (between 1-15 minutes on foot).

Student halls are limited and will be available for students on a budget (~40 £/night) and can be booked and pre-paid via [Bangor University - Student accommodation](#) with the code **RCUK2025**. These are first come first serve, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Rooms have been reserved at **The Management Centre** (~90-120 £/night) for RCUK delegates. Booking can be made at 01248 365900 or via email: conference@bangor.ac.uk Don't forget to quote the reference **GA02276!**

Travel directions

We're far easier to get to than you might think - there are direct trains from London, Manchester, Crewe and Cardiff and good road links to Bangor along the north Wales coast from the M56 and M6.

By train or bus - See the [National Rail website](#) & [Traveline Cymru](#) for public transport information. Bangor is around two hours from Manchester by train, and the journey from London Euston to Bangor takes around three hours.

Estimated journey times are:

- Liverpool to Bangor by car - 1.5 hours
- Manchester to Bangor by car - 2 hours
- Birmingham to Bangor by car - 3 hours
- London to Bangor by train - 3 hours
- Cardiff to Bangor by train or car - 4 hours
- York to Bangor by car: 3 hours
- Sheffield to Bangor by car: 2 hours 50 mins
- Leeds to Bangor by car: 2 hours 30 min

By air - Both Manchester Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport are around two hours from Bangor, by train.

By ferry - From Ireland, you can cross on the ferry to Holyhead which is half an hour away from Bangor.

