

ERI BUILDING
University of Birmingham – Edgbaston Campus
Venue information, directions, accessibility, and facilities

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A map of Edgbaston Campus can be found on the final page of this document.
The ERI Building is Building G3 in the Green Zone.

The AccessAble page of the ERI Building can be found here:

<https://www.accessable.co.uk/university-of-birmingham/access-guides/european-research-institute>

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We work towards providing as detailed and up-to-date information as possible. For any further queries, please contact the Events Organiser via globaleticsevents@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

We are aware that some of the facilities are less than ideal. We are working with management to try to improve the situation, but we hope you appreciate that this takes time.

A. FACILITIES IN THE ERI BUILDING

1. Accessibility

The main entrance is at the South side of the building (on Pritchatts Road) and has automatic doors that are operated by a touchpad. The path leading up to the main entrance has a low gradient.

The disabled bays are located at the North side and the West side of the ERI Building (please see “Arriving by car” below for more information).

The lift can be found in the stairwell at your right hand side, through the wooden doors (which are not touch-pad operated).

2. Room locations

- Ground floor (all at the right hand side off the Foyer): G51, G52, G53, G54
- First floor (when leaving the stairwell on the first floor, turn right):
 - o Room 144: at the end of the corridor
 - o Room 149: at the social space
- Second floor:
 - o Room 224: when leaving the stairwell on the second floor, turn left and continue along the corridor until the very end of it
 - o Room 260: when leaving the stairwell on the second floor, turn right, go through the door and the room is immediately at your right hand side

All of these rooms are accessible to wheelchair users. Assistance dogs are welcome in the entire building and in all of these rooms. Other assistance animals are likely to be welcome as well, but please contact the Events Organiser in advance to make sure.

3. Available technical support

Unfortunately, none of the rooms in the ERI building currently have hearing assistance. We are working to resolve this issue.

We can print programme brochures and handouts in large print and/or send them to you in advance of the event.

If there is any other way in which we can offer technical support (e.g., covering the costs of braille translation, sign language interpreter or palantypist) please contact the Events Organiser.

4. Restroom facilities

There are restroom facilities located on each floor:

- Women's rooms:
 - o In the foyer (groundfloor): at your right hand side (these also include a shower)
 - o On the first and second floor: in the short corridor just exiting the stairwell at the South side of the building
- Men's rooms:
 - o In the foyer: at your right hand side (these also include a shower)
 - o On the first and second floor: in the short corridor at the North side of the building
- Restrooms accessible to people with a disability: on each floor, they are located in the short corridors when just exiting the stairwell at the South side of the building

Baby-changing facilities: unfortunately, there are currently none in the ERI building. Please ask a member of staff to use their office for this purpose.

Gender-inclusive restrooms: unfortunately, there are currently none in the ERI building. For the time being, we can give the following information:

- You can use the restrooms accessible to people with a disability (which are gender-neutral). We are well-aware that this situation is not ideal for either group, but we would ask for your patience while we are working to resolve this issue.
- The nearest gender-inclusive toilets are in the Gisbert Kapp Building (G8 in the Green Zone on the campus map), on the third floor, located in room N335.

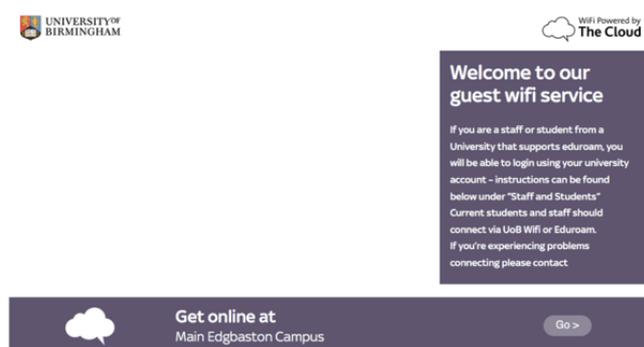
5. Internet access

Eduroam

Students and staff from UoB, other UK Universities and many overseas universities can connect to the internet via *Eduroam*. Please connect with your University login details. If you encounter problems logging in, you may have to connect to the internet via *WiFiGuest* (see below), and install the *Eduroam Configuration Assistant Tool* (<https://www.eduroam.org/about/connect-yourself/>).

WiFiGuest

Anyone can connect via the *WiFiGuest* service. Please select “*WiFiGuest*” in settings and open your web browser. You should be directed to the following page:



Click on “Go” (bottom-right corner), and you will be asked to log in. If you have used The Cloud network before, then please use the same login details. If you have not used it before, then please create a new account by clicking “Create Account”. After completing the form, click on “Continue” (accepting the terms and conditions), and you should be able to browse the internet as usual.

6. Print facilities

For larger events (e.g. the annual conference), we cannot print or copy handouts or other documents. There is a print shop in the University Centre (Building R23 in the Red Zone on the Campus Map below).

For smaller events (e.g. the Global Ethics Tea Seminars), we can provide this service. Please contact the Events Organiser in advance.

7. Quiet spaces

Events with many participants and/or lasting longer than half a day will have a dedicated quiet space for people who would like to take a break from intense intellectual work and manage their energy. The precise room will be specified in the programme brochure.

Due to room booking limitations, we cannot guarantee a dedicated quiet space for smaller events (such as the Global Ethics Tea Seminars). In the ERI Building, there are some smaller sitting areas on the first and second floor at the South and North side of the building, which are mostly quiet. In addition, please feel free to ask a member of staff to find out whether there is a room available or to use one of our offices.

St. Francis Hall (building O2 in the orange zone of the campus map) is the hub of the University's Multi-faith Chaplaincy and has a quiet space for private prayer and meditation in addition to the main Worship Room. For more information, please see <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentsservices/chaplaincy/about/index.aspx>. The AccessAble page of St. Francis Hall is here: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/st-francis-hall-chaplaincy>.

8. Drinks, food, and refreshments

The University of Birmingham has a contract with Freshthinking (<https://www.freshthinking.uk.com>) for events-catering. For lunches and breaks, our policy is to have *only* vegetarian and vegan food (50-50 split). If you have other dietary requirements, please contact the Events Organiser.

During the Global Ethics Tea Seminars: there will be tea, water, biscuits, and fruit. We aim to have a diverse range of options in order to make sure that everyone has access to suitable snacks and drinks. These refreshments are bought in M&S. We offer mostly seasonal and local products.

9. Information for caregivers

Event participants with caregiving responsibilities face constraints on their time that others often do not. We try to do as much as possible to accommodate this. In general, children and others for whom participants may care are welcome at our events.

Depending on the number of applications, we can set aside funding to subsidise the use of care facilities for children and others for whom participants may care. If you are considering to use these services, please contact the Events Organiser as soon as possible.

Event schedule

Our events are mostly scheduled within parent-friendly hours (the programme will be online well in advance on the website of the Centre). Exceptions to this are the public lecture, the conference dinner, and closing drinks, associated with our annual conference. During these activities, children and others for whom participants may care are welcome. Alternatively, we can arrange ad hoc care on an individual basis, as per below.

Childcare provisions

The University of Birmingham has two day nurseries (<http://www.birminghamdaynursery.co.uk>): the Oaks and the Elms, the latter of which is near to the venues where most of our events will take place. They can offer childcare provisions for parents who are attending our events, although availability to accommodate a child will depend on the age of the child and the date.

Ad hoc childcare can be arranged if there is no space in the nurseries and/or for (social) events outside family-friendly hours (e.g. public lecture, conference dinner, and closing drinks). We work with trained university students to provide this care.

Care provisions for other care-dependents

Other people for whom participants may care are welcome to our events. Alternatively, we can arrange ad hoc care for the duration of the entire conference or parts of it. We work with university students who have received special training to provide this care.

B. DIRECTIONS

1. Arriving to Birmingham by airplane

The closest airport is *Birmingham International* (BHX).

Frequent trains run between the airport (BHI station) and the city centre (*Birmingham New Street Station* – BHM), which is a 10-15-minute journey. Tickets can be bought at the machines in the train station or online (<https://www.thetrainline.com> is a reliable website).

Taxi's can be found at the main exit of the airport (see below for more information on Taxi's).

Useful websites:

- BHX Airport:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-airport>
 - o More information on accessibility and available options for assistance: <https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/at-the-airport/terminal-facilities/special-assistance/>
- Birmingham Airport Station – BHI:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-international-station>
 - o More information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHI/details.html>
- Birmingham New Street Station – BHM:
 - o AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-new-street-station>
 - o Further information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHM/details.html>

2. Arriving on campus and to the ERI Building by train

Frequent trains run between *Birmingham New Street Station* (BHM) in the city centre to *University (Birmingham)* (UNI) to the West of campus, which is a 10-minute journey.

If you only travel between BHM and UNI station, you do not have to book tickets in advance. For longer train journeys in the UK (e.g. from London), it is advisable to book tickets as much as possible in advance, because they may become expensive quickly.

From UNI station, it is a 10-minute walk to the ERI building. However, since there are some rather steep slopes along the way, we would recommend wheelchair users to come by bus (see below).

Useful websites:

- Birmingham New Street Station – BHM:

- AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/birmingham-new-street-station>
- Further information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/BHM/details.html>
- University (Birmingham) Station – UNI:
 - AccessAble: <https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/university-station>
 - More information on accessibility and facilities: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/UNI/details.html>
- Ticket websites:
 - <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/farefinder/search>
 - <https://www.thetrainline.com>

3. Arriving on campus and to the ERI Building by bus

Buses operated by *National Express West Midlands* bring you from the city centre to campus. All of their buses can accommodate one wheelchair, drivers will deploy ramps on request or as required and the bus will ‘kneel’ where appropriate. They also accept Class 2 Mobility Scooters and have a policy for making the journey of blind and partially sighted passengers as comfortable as possible.

From Birmingham New Street Station to the ERI Building

In *Birmingham New Street Station*, take the exit indicated with *Moor Street* and *Bullring Link*. When leaving the station, cross the square and the road and go left for bus stop *NS3* (see the red pin on the map below), where you can take the bus X20 (towards Rednall), bus X21 (towards Woodcock Hill) or bus X22 (towards Bartley Green).



Get off the bus at bus stop *University North Gate (Towards QE Hospital)* on Pritchatts Road. Head East for 50 meters and cross the road for the ERI Building. This is a 15-minute journey, and costs £2.40 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

From the ERI Building to Birmingham New Street Station

When leaving the ERI building, turn left and head East along Pritchatts Road for about 150 meters. At bus stop *University North Gate (Towards Birmingham)*, take bus X20 or X22 towards Birmingham. You can get off just outside *Birmingham New Street Station* (bus stop NS1 just opposite bus stop NS3 on the map above). This is a 15-minute journey, and costs £2.40 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

From University Station to the ERI Building

When leaving *University Station*, turn right, head North-West, cross the square and the road to bus stop *University Station – towards Birmingham*. There you can take bus X20, X21, or X22 towards Birmingham. Get off at the second bus stop (*University North Gate – towards Birmingham*) and head West along Pritchatts road for about 150 meters to the ERI Building. For this journey, you can buy the *short stop* ticket of £1.50 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

From the ERI Building to University Station

When leaving the ERI Building, go left, cross Pritchatts road and head West for about 50 meters to bus stop *University North Gate – towards QE Hospital*. There you can take bus X20 (towards Rednall), bus X21 (towards Woodcock Hill) or bus X22 (towards Bartley Green). Get off at the second bus stop (*University Station – towards QE hospital*) and head South-East to *University Station*. For this journey, you can buy the *short stop* ticket of £1.50 on the bus (you will have to pay the exact amount).

Useful websites:

- National Express Journey Planner: <http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/plan-your-journey>
 - National Express guidance for bus passengers with a disability: <https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/about-us/disability-awareness-accessibility>
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4. Arriving on campus and to the ERI Building by car

For people with a disability arriving by car, the campus is accessible to you. If you require parking during the event, please contact the Events Organiser as soon as possible to acquire a car pass.

There are two disabled parking bays close to the ERI building:

- There is a disabled bay at the North side of the building. Please drive up to the barrier on Elms Road (immediately East of the ERI building) and use your car pass to enter. When leaving your car, take the path going around the West side of the building to the main entrance. This path is flat, except for the last few meters where it has a low gradient slope up to the main entrance.
- Just West of the ERI building, in front of building G1, there is a disabled parking bay immediately accessible from Pritchatts Road. From there, head South-East on the path parallel to Pritchatts Road to the main entrance of the ERI Building. This path is flat, except for the last few meters where it has a low gradient slope up to the main entrance.

For other people, parking on campus is unfortunately not possible. Your best option would be to try finding a spot along the roads around campus.

If you are being dropped off by someone else or a taxi, the most convenient drop-off spot would be in front of building G1, just West of the ERI building. From there, head South-East on the path parallel to Pritchatts Road to the main entrance of the ERI Building. This path is flat, except for the last few meters where it has a low gradient slope up to the main entrance.

5. Arriving on campus and to the ERI building by taxi

T.O.A. Taxis is Birmingham's black cab taxi service. All of their vehicles are wheelchair accessible and capable of accommodating passengers with a range of special needs, and their drivers are trained in disability awareness. They can be found at the exit of the airport and in the vicinity of all of the exits of *Birmingham New Street* station. Their telephone number is 0044 (0)121 427 8888.

The most convenient drop-off spot for the ERI building would be in front of building G1, just West of the ERI building. From there, head South-East on the path parallel to Pritchatts Road to the main entrance of the ERI Building. This path is flat, except for the last few meters where it has a low gradient slope up to the main entrance.

Useful website:

- Website of T.O.A. Taxis: <http://www.toataxis.co.uk>

