



FAQS FOR THE 4TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIETEL RESILIENCE, 24-25 FEBRUARY 2026

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CONTENT OF THE CONFERENCE

What is the conference about?

Societal resilience to disruption. The conference aims to support those who work with communities on resilience to disruptions, and on enhancing the capabilities in communities through building local resilience capability. Our theme for the 2026 conference theme is “Society in Resilience”.

What was the content of previous NCSR+ conferences?

The following describe past conferences:

- 1st National Conference on Societal Resilience in March 2023:
 - [Video highlights](#)
 - [National Briefing on Societal Resilience](#) (B52)
- 2nd National Conference on Societal Resilience in March 2024:
 - [Video highlights](#)
 - [National Briefing on Societal Resilience](#) (B54)
- 3rd National Conference on Societal Resilience in March 2025:
 - [Video highlights](#)
 - [National Briefing on Societal Resilience](#) (B55)

It's held at a university – is the content very theoretical?

The conference is for practitioners from local government, emergency services, voluntary sector, national government. We are delighted that some academics attend to learn more about practice.

ATTENDEES

Who attends the conference?

In March 2024, roughly, 50% of the 195 registrations were from local government (including emergency services / Local Resilience Forums); 35% were from the voluntary and community sector; 5% were from central government departments; 5% were from academia; 5% from business.

How many people will attend the conference?

At the conference in March 2023 there were 140 attendees, in March 2024 there were 170 attendees, and in March 2024 there were 160 attendees.



Is this an International conference?

In March 2025, delegates came from all 4 nations of the UK as well as from 3 other countries: Bangladesh, The Netherlands, and South Africa.

Do you provide a visa invitation letter if needed?

Yes, we can provide a visa invitation letter to be used as part of an application process. However, we will only send a visa letter after the applicant has booked the conference, and we will then send the letter within 2 working days.

When booking conference tickets via the online store, applicants should tick the box for 'needing visa letter' and then provide address and personal details for the letter.

BOOKING CONFERENCE TICKETS

How much is a conference ticket?

A conference ticket **INCLUDING** the networking dinner is £235.

A conference-only ticket **WITHOUT** the networking dinner is £195.

All tickets give entry for both days. We do not offer a one-day ticket. Tickets can **only** be booked via the online store [at this link](#).

When do ticket registrations close?

Registration will close in January 2026.

Can I have a free ticket?

Unfortunately, we can't offer free tickets for this event. We run many free NCSR+ events online throughout the year including our webinar series which is available to [watch here](#).

Can I get a refund if I am unable to attend?

Registrations are non-refundable, but they are transferrable to another delegate.

Do I need to book the conference dinner in advance?

Yes, the conference dinner at [Zouk Tea Bar & Grill](#) on the evening of Tuesday, 24 February is ticket only. Last year's dinner sold out, so book now if you intend on joining us. Dress code is casual.



TIMINGS

What time does the conference begin?

The programme is under preparation, but indicative timings based on previous years are:

- Day 1: Registration opens at 11:00am. Lunch is served from 11.15am. The programme will begin around 12.15pm.
- Day 2: Registration opens at 8.30am. The programme begins at 8.45am.

What time does the conference end?

Again, as above:

- Day 1: The programme ends at 5.00pm.
- Day 2: The programme ends at 4.00pm.

Please note these timings are subject to change. Full timings will be available when the conference programme is confirmed.

What time is the conference dinner?

Final timings will be available when the conference programme is confirmed.

AT THE VENUE

What is the address of the conference venue?

Whitworth Hall, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

Can I book an exhibitor stand?

We have limited space available for exhibitors.

Please get in touch via ncsrconference@manchester.ac.uk if you're interested in exhibiting.

Is there a conference hotel?

Many delegates chose to stay at the campus-based Hyatt Regency Manchester on Booth Street West where preferential rates are available. To book, visit the [hotel webpage](#), click on 'Book Now'; in 'Special Rate' choose 'Corporate Code'. Our code is **138884**. More information can be [found here](#).

Is there car parking?

Several car parks are a short walk to the conference venue.



MORE INFORMATION

Where can I get more information about the conference?

A dedicated conference webpage has been created [at this link](#). Also connect with us on the [NCSR+ LinkedIn page](#).

Who can I email to get more information?

We are a small team of two who are organising this in addition to our day jobs. Unfortunately, we are unable to regularly reply to individual queries that are already covered by these FAQs.

Who is organising the conference?

The National Consortium for Societal Resilience [UK+]. Find out more about our work via [our webpage](#).