

Welcome to Conference 2025: Perthyn – Belonging



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National Museum
of History, Cardiff
and online

This visual journey will...

- Look at what you can do ahead of Conference (slides 3 to 5)
- Take you through the three-day event with key information / details of what to expect (slides 6 to 21)
- Provide additional information on the St Fagans site and the areas we are using (22 to 34)
- Share some key accessibility measures in place (slides 35 to 38)

What to do before Conference | Book travel and accommodation

- Cardiff is the closest urban area to St Fagans with lots of hotels and other city amenities
- Many train routes go through the city's main train station, Cardiff Central. [Access information for this station](#) is available via the National Rail website
- You can find [discounts on train fares](#) and [preferential hotel rates](#) for delegates on our website

What to do before Conference | Register for Swapcard

- Swapcard is the digital platform and app for Conference 2025
- You can use it to browse the programme, plan your agenda and connect with other delegates
- Online delegates also use the platform to watch streamed sessions live

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- To use Swapcard you need to activate the magic link emailed to you from Swapcard
- Links expire after 48 hours
- Remember to use the same email address you used when you registered for Conference
- Email events@museumsassociation.org if you require help

Conference 2025: At a glance...

- **Social events** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Cardiff city centre
- **Conference sessions** on Tuesday and Wednesday at St Fagans
- **Site tours** across Cardiff/South Wales on Thursday

Monday 6 October: Opening drinks reception

Temple of Peace from 1800-2000

- A welcome drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) is available on arrival, followed by a cash bar
- There is a quiet room available
- While the main reception space in the Marble Hall is step-free, the Crypt is only accessible by stairs
- [Further photos, maps and access info](#) can be found via AccessAble website



Tuesday 7 October: Getting to St Fagans with Mainline Coaches

- Coaches will leave from National Museum Cardiff and Cardiff Central Station between 0815-0930 – this will enable delegates to arrive at St Fagans for our 0900-1000 coffee and networking, and ahead of the 1000 opening session
- You may be asked to show your badge or your name on Swapcard before boarding
- All coaches will depart when they reach capacity. Delegates are asked to be patient while people board/exit coaches
- Four coaches include wheelchair access – you can [watch a short recording of how chairs are lifted onto the coach](#)
- Our [coach timetable and a shuttle bus timetable](#) are available online

Tuesday 7 October: Other ways to get to St Fagans

- St Fagans is four miles west of Cardiff city centre, just off the A4232. The postcode is CF5 6XB
- The car park costs £7 per day. There is free parking for disabled blue badge holders and motorbikes
- Cars may be left in the car park overnight but you must let the venue know by emailing your reg number to stfagans@museumwales.ac.uk
- Bike racks are available and [cycle trails are available](#)
- The nearest rail station is Waun-Gron Park, two miles from St Fagans
- The Cardiff Bus 32 service stops in the museum car park
- First Cymru 320 service stops in St Fagans village (about half a mile from the museum or approximately an 11-minute walk)
- The taxi ride from Cardiff city centre to St Fagans costs between £15-£20. VisitCardiff provides more information on [taxi services in the city](#)

Tuesday 7 October: What to expect when you arrive at St Fagans

- **Volunteers** will be available to welcome you and give you directions – they will be wearing red t-shirts as in the photo to the right
- If you don't have your badge, you can collect this at the **MA Help Desk** located in the cafe in the main museum building
- There is a **free cloakroom** available on the first floor of the main museum building (lift and stair accessible)
- **Coffee** will be served between 0900-1000 in our catering and networking marquee



Tuesday 7 October: The Conference Programme at a glance

- Sessions will run from 1000 until 1800
- Core Sessions and In Practice sessions are being recorded and streamed online
- There are four smaller rooms for breakout sessions and training sessions
- Network meet-ups will take place throughout the day
- A range of activities, called [Exploring St Fagans](#), provide an opportunity to get out into the site. Please be aware that these sessions may not be accessible for all



You can browse the [full Conference programme](#) on our website

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Tuesday 7 October: Main drinks reception at Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd – National Museum Cardiff from 1830-2000

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- Canapes will be served during the event
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Wednesday 8 October: Closing drinks reception at Museum of Cardiff from 1830-2030

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- There is a quiet room available
- [Click here for more photos, maps and access info](#)



Thursday 9 October: Free heritage tours

- We have put together a programme of free tours on Thursday 9 October for in-person delegates.
- All tours are wheelchair accessible but please email events@museumsassociation.org if you have any other access requirements
- A small number of tours require advance booking
- All other tours are first come, first served, with no need to book
- You can [browse the full programme](#) on our website

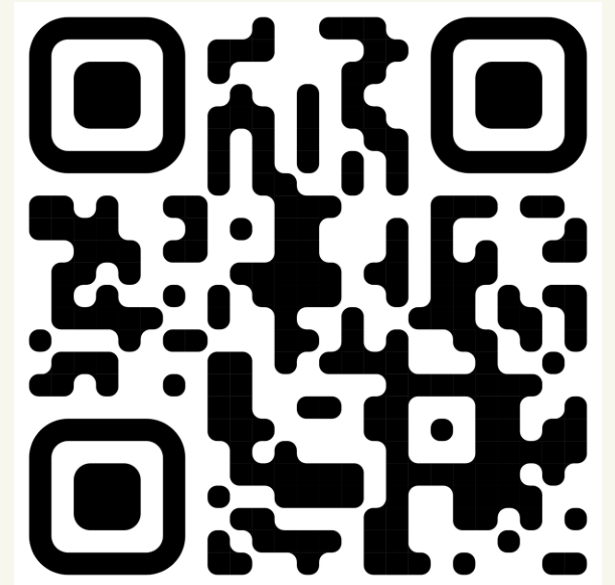


Exploring St Fagans: At a glance...

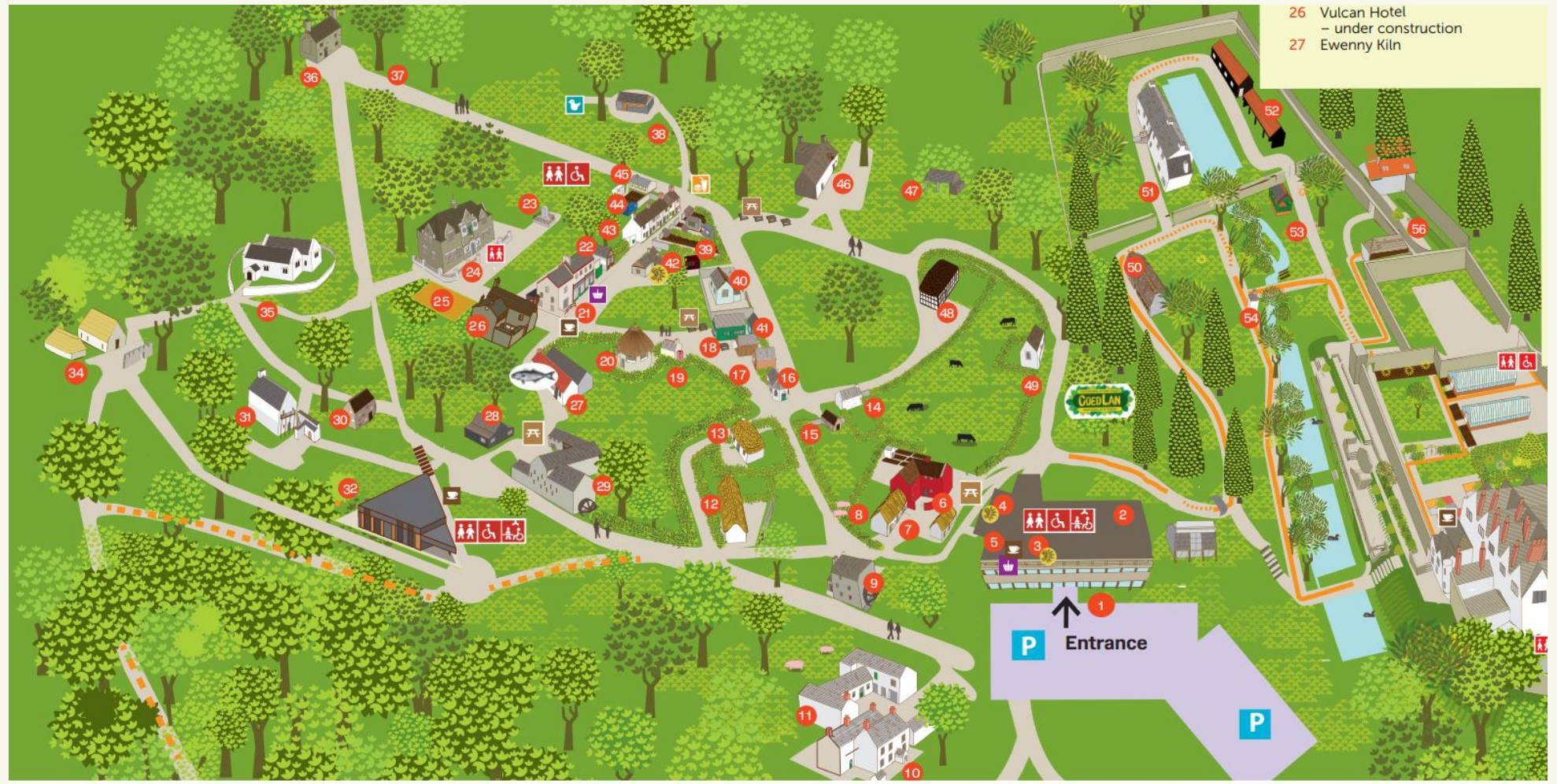
- Exploring St Fagans is a programme of less formal sessions hosted by Amgueddfa Cymru
- These take place across the St Fagans site and aim to introduce delegates to the collection and wider work of the museum group
- These sessions are informal – there is no AV support and they may not be accessible to all delegates
- The locations of sessions are available on our Conference programme via the Swapcard app
- If you want to know further information about any of the locations, please email events@museumsassociation.org

Additional information about the St Fagans site: At a glance

- St Fagans is a large open-air museum with many historical buildings, outdoor areas and modern facilities
- Due to the historic nature of the museum, there are uneven floors and surfaces. Some of the paths on the castle side of the museum are steep and uneven
- We recommend people explore the map of St Fagans via the QR code to the right and [online](#)
- The map has been also reproduced on the next slide
- Physical copies of the map will be available at the MA Help Desk and a digital version is available via the Swapcard app



Map of St Fagans: [full map can be accessed as a PDF online](#)



Guide to the St Fagans site: Main Museum Building



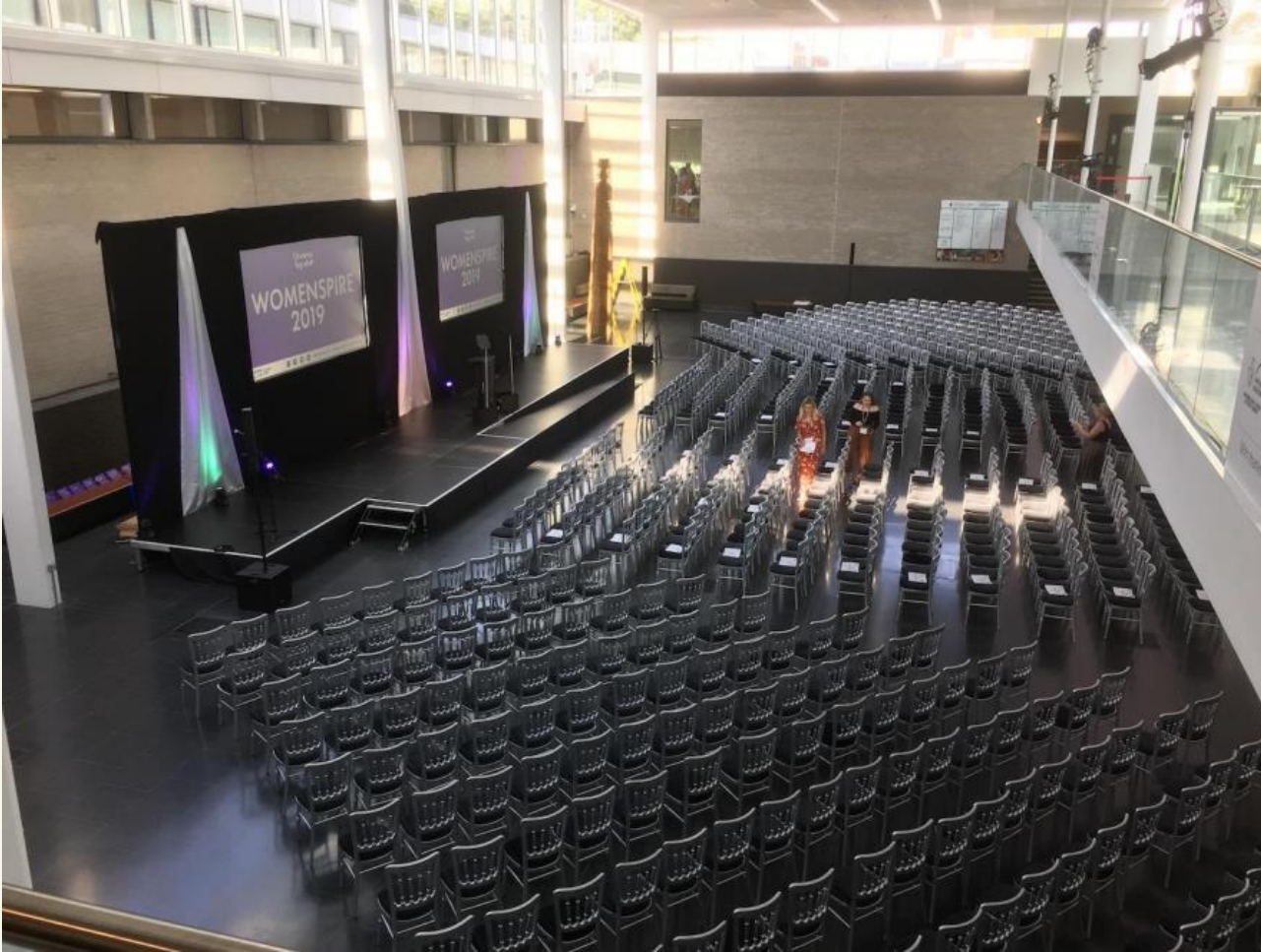
Most Conference sessions take place in the Main Museum Building (number 1 on the [map](#)), including:

- Core Sessions in the Atrium
- In Practice Sessions in the Lecture Theatre
- Breakout Sessions in Studio 2 and 3
- Training in Studio 1
- Workshops in the Temporary Exhibition Space

The Main Museum Building is also where you'll find:

- The MA Help Desk
- A free cloakroom
- Quiet and prayer rooms
- A paid cafe
- Relaxed networking area
- Accessible catering point

Guide to the St Fagans site: Atrium



- Core Sessions take place in the Atrium on the ground floor of the Main Museum Building
- This space has capacity for about 600 people and will be theatre style seating
- Sessions in this room are streamed for online delegates and recorded
- Sessions will be captioned

Guide to the St Fagans site: Lecture Theatre



- In Practice and Supporter Sessions take place in the Lecture Theatre on the first floor of the Main Museum Building
- This space has capacity for about 120 people and will be fixed theatre style seating
- Sessions in this room are streamed for online delegates and recorded
- Sessions will be captioned

Guide to the St Fagans site: Studio/Stiwdio 1



- Training Sessions take place in Studio/Stiwdio 1
- This space has capacity for about 60 people in theatre style seating
- Training sessions are repeated across day one and two to allow as many people as possible to attend
- Sessions are not recorded or streamed
- Sessions will be captioned

Guide to the St Fagans site: Studio/Stiwdio 2



- Breakout Sessions take place in Studio/Stiwdio 2
- This space has capacity for about 60 people in theatre style seating
- Welsh-to-English translation is provided in this room (where relevant)
- Sessions are not recorded or streamed
- Sessions will be captioned

Guide to the St Fagans site: Studio/Stiwdio 3



- Breakout Sessions take place in Studio/Stiwdio 3
- This space has capacity for about 100 people in theatre style seating
- Sessions are not recorded or streamed
- Sessions will be captioned
- Sponsored lunchtime sessions also take place in this room – lunch will be served for attending delegates

Guide to the St Fagans site: Temporary Exhibition Space

- Workshops take place in the Temporary Exhibition Space
- This space has capacity for about 100 people at round tables
- Sessions are not recorded or streamed
- Sessions will be captioned
- The networking session for the Neurodiverse Museum will also take place in this room



Guide to the St Fagans site: Catering and Exhibitor area



- Coffee and lunch will be served in a marquee, which can be entered at point 20 on the map.
- Please note that access to the marquee includes crossing a gravelled area of ground – a [photo is available on our website](#)
- We will also have a wide range of exhibitor tabletops in this area
- It is approximately a four-minute walk from the Main Museum Building
- Transporter buggies will be available to those who require it
- People can also request accessible lunch to be served within the cafe in the Main Museum Building (see slide 37)
- The full map of St Fagans [can be accessed online](#)

Guide to the St Fagans site: Gweithdy



- The workshop at Gweithdy (number 32 [on the map](#)) will host some of our grassroot sector support networks meet-ups
- This building has step free access and toilet provision (including a Changing Places toilet)
- The workshop has a seated capacity of about 20 people
- There will be no AV provision in this space during Conference

Guide to the St Fagans site: The Vulcan Hotel Pub



- The back room of the Vulcan Hotel Pub (number 26 [on the map](#)) will also host some grassroot sector support networks meet-ups
- Please note that this is a historic building and may not be accessible for all. Internal photos are available on the next slide
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be sold in the front room of the pub throughout Conference

Guide to the St Fagans site: The Vulcan Hotel Pub



External view of the Vulcan Hotel Pub (above)

Internal view of the Vulcan Hotel Pub (below)



Accessibility at Conference 2025

- All sessions taking place in the Main Museum Building will be captioned
- Sessions taking place in the Atrium and Lecture Theatre will be streamed and recorded
- Reserved seating in all rooms
- A dedicated quiet room for in-person delegates
- A prayer room for individuals to engage in prayer, reflection or quiet contemplation
- Wheelchair accessible coaches
- Accessible catering point (see slide 37)
- Assistance dogs welcomed
- Speakers are briefed to ensure that slides follow good accessibility guidance, based on advice from [VocalEyes](#)
- A trained mental health first-aider (Alice) will be available on the MA Help Desk
- Our [Code of Conduct](#) ensures our spaces are safe, welcoming and inclusive

Toilet provision at St Fagans

- The Main Museum Building has single-sex toilet blocks on the ground floor. Smaller single-sex toilet blocks are also available on the second floor (accessible by stairs and lift) outside the Lecture Theatre
- The Main Museum Building also has a Changing Places toilet on the ground floor.
- Gweithdy has single-sex toilets, a gender-neutral accessible toilet and a Changing Places toilet. Please note the accessible toilet is in the basement and accessed via a lift
- There are gender-neutral accessible toilets near Rhyd-y-car Terrace, in the castle grounds, and in Oakdale Workmen's Institute
- All toilets are marked on the [map of St Fagans](#)

Lunch at Conference 2025: Picnic bag menu



- Vegetarian and vegan sandwiches and wraps
 - Tuesday: Cheddar cheese, little gem, onion chutney and tomato
 - Tuesday: Lightly spiced falafel, hummus, gem lettuce (vegan)
 - Wednesday: Caramelised onion, goat cheese, rocket
 - Wednesday: Hummus, red pepper, carrot, green leaves (vegan)
- Crisps
- Fruit
- Welsh cakes/bara brith

Lunch at Conference 2025: Catering points



- Lunch will be served in a marquee (entry point at point 20 on the [St Fagans map](#))
- Tea, coffee and tap water will also be available
- If you prefer a quieter place to get lunch, we will provide an accessible catering point in the cafe the main museum building – please let us know in advance by emailing events@museumsassociation.org
- MA staff on the Help Desk will also be available to collect lunch for you if necessary

If you require further support...

We want Conference to be as accessible and inclusive to as many people as possible.

If there is anything we can do to support you, or if you require adjustments not covered in this guide, please contact us at events@museumsassociation.org.

In previous years we have:

- Arranged pre-event Zoom meetings to discuss access and what to expect from Conference
- Provided BSL translators
- Sent further photographs illustrating the space
- Put delegates in touch with the venue to discuss access in more detail
- Arranged transport for delegates who require it