



# **Venue Guide**

## **Collaborations Workshop 2026**



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# Location

[Collaborations Workshop 2026](#) (CW26) will take place as a hybrid event from Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 30 April 2026 at [ICC Belfast](#).

ICC Belfast is a world-class conference venue located in the heart of Northern Ireland's capital. We're especially excited to bring CW to Belfast for the first time, marking a significant step in making the event more accessible to our Northern Irish community. ICC Belfast offers state-of-the-art facilities and a vibrant setting that reflects the city's rich culture and warm hospitality, making it the perfect backdrop for this year's gathering.

CW26 will use the following spaces:

- Hall 2 (*Main Room & Catering for Day 1 & 2*)
- Studio (*Main Room for Day 3*)
- Bar 2 (*Catering for Day 3*)
- Meeting Room 1 a & b (*Breakout room for Day 1 & 2*)
- Meeting Room 2 a & b (*Breakout room for Day 1, 2 & 3*)
- Boardroom 1 (*Breakout room for Day 1 & 2*)
- Boardroom 2 (*Breakout room for Day 1 & 2*)
- Boardroom 3 (*Breakout room for Day 1 & 2*)
- Blackstaff (*Breakout room for Day 3*)
- Conductor (*Breakout room for Day 3*)
- Lagan (*Breakout room for Day 3*)
- Titanic (*Breakout room for Day 3*)

Venue Floor Plan (*coming soon!*)

## Accessibility

If you have any additional requirements to facilitate your own participation in CW26, please get in touch at [ssi-community@software.ac.uk](mailto:ssi-community@software.ac.uk).

ICC Belfast has committed to leading transformational change to become an accessible, diverse and inclusive venue. This included over 80% of staff completing Jam Card training which allows customers to communicate their accessibility needs discreetly, highlighting that they may need a little extra time and patience during their visit. [Find out more](#) about accessibility at ICC Belfast.

## Getting to Belfast

Belfast is easy to get to, with Belfast and Dublin offering 179 direct European routes and 245 internationally. There are 21 direct UK flight routes to Belfast, as well as ample train and ferry options.

## By Public Transportation

### By Ferry

To get to Belfast by ferry from Scotland, you will need to take a ferry from Cairnryan, located in southwest Scotland, to Belfast. The most popular and direct route is operated by Stena Line, with the journey taking approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.

To get to Belfast by Ferry from England, you will need to take a ferry from Liverpool.

### By Bus

Coaches operate from London to Belfast daily on the 920 service, departing at 18.00, 22.30 and 23.00.

London Victoria Coach Station is just 300 metres from the tube network, and is served by the Victoria Line, the District Line, and the Circle line. A bus stop is based outside the station, and there is a taxi rank outside the coach station on Eccleston Place.

## By Car

### Parking Information

There are many [places to park](#) in Belfast city centre and around ICC Belfast.

### By Air

The two main airports serving Belfast are George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD), which is located close to the city center, and Belfast International Airport (BFS), a larger airport situated further out.

The Airport Express 300 bus service runs from Belfast International Airport to the city centre, stopping at Grand Central Station, and other key locations along the way. The journey takes around 40 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the bus stop from a ticket machine, from the driver, or online.

Similarly, Belfast City Airport has a designated Airport Express 600 Service which buses passengers every 20 minutes during peak times from the front of the terminal.

## Accommodation

Belfast is a safe and walkable city with all major city centre hotels within 5-10 minutes walking distance from the city centre, ICC Belfast, venues and attractions.

Hilton Belfast is holding 50 bedrooms for delegates to book online, via their [website](#) for the preferential rate agreed of £159 per night, based on a minimum length of stay of 3 nights. Guests will be welcome to stay less however won't be able to avail of this rate. Please note

that credit card details will be taken at the time of booking and the cancellation policy is 28 days. **The booking link will expire on the 28th March 2026.**

## Exploring Belfast

Visit Belfast has put together a selection of exclusive [offers and discounts](#) for CW26 delegates. Visit Belfast also offers a range of [brochures](#) and downloads to help you plan your trip to Belfast. This includes a city guide, food and drink guide, and maps of Belfast and Northern Ireland.

In Belfast, you'll find fascinating walking, bus and taxi tours, cultural escapes, scientific exhibitions and literary inspirations. Not to mention the superb shopping, beautiful landmarks and top class entertainment. [Find out more](#) about things to do and see in the city.

Extending your stay? [Find out what's on](#) in Belfast.

## Hybrid participation

Hybrid participation will be facilitated using Zoom. All participants - both remote and in-person - will need to install their client, and make sure that it is updated to the latest version. We recommend that remote participants join with a good quality headset with microphone, plenty of screen space (either using a large monitor or second screen), a normally reliable WiFi signal or wired connection, and a quiet room where you are less likely to be disturbed (but we understand this might be difficult).

Transcription and captioning will be provided using Zoom and Otter.ai.

A CW26 Slack workspace will be available for participants to connect, engage in discussion, ask questions, and forge new collaborations. These conversations can persist long after the Zoom room has closed.