

UK Dementia Congress 2025 – Delegate Welcome Pack

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 19th UK Dementia Congress. To help you have a positive experience at UKDC2025 we wanted to share some important information with you. **Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the details below prior to attending.**



UK Dementia Congress 2025:

- **When: Monday 17 November to Tuesday 18th November 2025**
- **Where: The Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3WS**
- **Find out more: <https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/events/uk-dementia-congress>**

Programme:

You can find the programme here: <https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/events/uk-dementia-congress/ukdc-programme>

Support prior to UK Dementia Congress:

If you have any problems or queries about your booking prior to UK Dementia Congress, please contact melanie@dementiapublishing.community.

If you are a speaker or chair you will have received a document relating to your role.

Travel to The Bridgewater Hall:

Information about travelling to The Bridgewater Hall can be found here: <https://www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk/your-visit/travel-parking/>

Arrival at The Bridgewater Hall:

Registration is from 8am on both days of UK Dementia Congress 2025. **Please ensure you arrive in good time for the sessions you wish to watch/participate in.**

All delegates need to go through a security check upon entry to The Bridgewater Hall – this will be a bag search conducted by staff from The Bridgewater Hall.

After the security check, please collect your badge and printed programme from our registration desk. The registration desk will be located next to the Dementia Community stand in the entrance foyer.

We are operating an orange lanyard system for anyone not wishing to be in photographs or videos being taken at UKDC2025. Please inform the team on the registration desk if you require an orange lanyard. Please note: Although every effort will be made to communicate the need for people in orange lanyards to not be included in footage captured at UKDC2025, Dementia Community cannot guarantee exclusion in footage due to this being a public event.

To help you navigate The Bridgewater Hall you may find the map within this brochure https://issuu.com/bridgewaterhall/docs/conferences_and_events_brochure_2024 (pages 14-15) helpful. Do aim to familiarise yourself with the venue prior to attending, but should you need directions once at The Bridgewater Hall there will be a large display board near registration or please speak to a member of Dementia Community staff, a volunteer or a member of The Bridgewater Hall team.

Plenary and parallel sessions:

Please arrive at the room(s) for your chosen session(s) in good time before sessions begin.

Please note: Some rooms have a capacity limit due to the health and safety regulations at The Bridgewater Hall. If you are especially keen to watch/participate in a particular session, please arrive in the designated room early to avoid disappointment. Delegates will only be able to watch presentations whilst seated on chairs or in their own wheelchair – The Bridgewater Hall will not allow anyone to sit on floors or block aisles or entry/exit points.

Mini-presentations:

This year mini-presentations replace traditional poster displays. These sessions have also been allocated rooms just like plenary and parallel sessions and we'd kindly remind all delegates who wish to view a particular presentation to arrive before the session is due to begin as each mini-presentation is 3-minutes long.

For Q&A, presenters and delegates are encouraged to network afterwards.

Refreshments and lunch:

Refreshments will be served to delegates from 8.30am onwards. If you need refreshments outside of the dedicated refreshment breaks (times of these are on the programme), there are cafes about 10 minutes' walk around St Peter's Square and the Oxford Road. We would advise delegates to bring their own water bottle.

Lunch will be served as per the programme timings and due to the volume of delegates this will be served as individual lunch boxes, with any dietary requirements stipulated on your booking catered for.

Monday 17th November – Evening social gathering:

If you are attending UK Dementia Congress on Monday, 17th November, or arriving in Manchester that afternoon/evening, you would be welcome to join our social gathering, running from 6pm to 9pm.

Tickets (limited to 120) are priced at £30 and include a light buffet supper and soft drinks. (A bar will also be available).

You can book online in advance here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uk-dementia-congress-buffet-supper-tickets-1967571903529> Tickets will also be available on

Monday 17 November at The Bridgewater Hall. Head to the Dementia Community Stand and ask for Victoria.

Our Partners, Sponsors and Exhibitors:

Do familiarise yourself with the fantastic organisations and companies who'll be exhibiting at UK Dementia Congress 2025:

<https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/sponsors-exhibitors>

Do make sure you obtain one of our 'exhibitor grids' and complete this by visiting all of the exhibition stands represented for a chance to win a 2-day ticket to the 2026 UK Dementia Congress. Exhibitor Grids are available from the registration desk and should be handed in at the registration desk once completed.

Special Issue of the Journal of Dementia Care:

As with previous years, we have produced a special issue of the Journal of Dementia Care to coincide with UK Dementia Congress. **The focus of the 2025 JDC special issue is technology.** Do visit the Dementia Community stand to find out more.

Please note this special issue is digital-only, to align with the theme of technology, and it will be available on our website <https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/current-issue> from the start of UKDC2025 onwards.

Wifi and social media:

The Bridgewater Hall has WIFI throughout.

Access to the WiFi is either via The Bridgewater Hall open WIFI Connection 'Bridgewater Hall WiFi' or password protected connection:

Connection -EVENT
Password – BWHevents26

Please do share your attendance at UK Dementia Congress on your social media channels, tagging Dementia Community. Our social media handles are:

- LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/dementia-community/>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JournalOfDementiaCare>
- X (Twitter) <https://twitter.com/JDementiaCare>
- Bluesky <https://bsky.app/profile/dementiacommunity.bsky.social>

The hashtag for the 19th UK Dementia Congress is #UKDC2025

Taking and sharing photographs at UK Dementia Congress:

We will have a photographer/videographer capturing footage for Dementia Community's marketing content during the two days of UK Dementia Congress.

If you are taking photographs for your own purposes, please note that we will have some delegates attending who do not wish to be in photographs and

these individuals are asked to request an orange lanyard from us during registration (see above). We would ask that you please ensure you don't take or publish any photographs with people identifiable in them who are wearing orange lanyards. Thank you.

End time on Tuesday 18 November 2025:

UKDC closes at 16.40 on Tuesday 18 November 2025.

Accommodation:

The Leonardo Hotel, Central Manchester, have provided UKDC attendees with the discount code Event20. This is the link to book (subject to room availability):

https://www.leonardohotels.co.uk/booking?hotel=leonardo-hotel-manchester-central&from=2025-11-17T00:00:00&to=2025-11-18T00:00:00&stay=leisure&redeemPoints=false&paxesConfig=adults,2,children,0,infants,0&promoCode=Event20&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Brand%20Manchester%20Central%20MAI&utm_content=Manchester%20Central&utm_term=leonardo%20hotel%20manchester%20central&gclid=040aed44c08617f28eba85e21bf814c0

Additional requirements:

If you have any additional accessibility or other requirements that you haven't yet made us aware of, please do let us know as a matter of urgency so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

After UKDC 2025 - Evaluation:

Please look out for our evaluation form in your inbox and complete this as soon as possible once received. This is important feedback that we will use to plan UK Dementia Congress 2026.

After UKDC 2025 – Contributing to the Journal of Dementia Care:

All of our delegates are encouraged to consider writing for the Journal of Dementia Care. We are keen to broaden the range of experiences and views within the Journal, with a particular focus on examples of best practice from practitioner perspectives. Please do contact the JDC Editor, Toby Williamson toby@dementiapublishing.community to discuss further. Toby will also be at UK Dementia Congress if you'd like an in-person discussion about contributing to JDC.

If you have any other questions regarding UK Dementia Congress 2025 please don't hesitate to let us know, otherwise we look forward to meeting you in Manchester.

Finally, a note about UK Dementia Congress 2026:

We know that many of our delegates are regular contributors to UK Dementia Congress – thank you!

If you aren't already, please do sign up to become a member of Dementia Community (£1 for lifetime membership) at our stand next to the registration desk during UKDC 2025, or you can do so in advance by visiting: <https://journalofdementiacare.co.uk/membership-options>.

Please note, everyone wishing to submit an abstract for the 2026 UK Dementia Congress will need to be a Dementia Community Member – this is to enable us to further streamline our abstracts and programming processes. Membership also has an array of other benefits and discounts, so do join us.

Thank you for your support.