



## **FAQS FOR THE 3RD NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIETEL RESILIENCE, 10-11 MARCH 2025**

*FAQs last updated: 29 July 2024*

### **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.

#### **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:
  - [Conference programme](#)
  - [Video highlights](#)
  - [National Briefing on Societal Resilience](#) (B54)

#### **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 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, and in March 2024 there were 170 attendees.

#### **Is this an International conference?**

In March 2024, delegates came from all 4 nations of the UK as well as from 3 other countries: Bangladesh, Nigeria, The Netherlands.

### **BOOKING CONFERENCE TICKETS**

#### **How much is a conference ticket?**



The first 40 tickets (including networking dinner) are available on an early-bird rate of £170. These can **only** be booked via the online store [at this link](#).

Regular tickets will cost £175 (excluding the networking dinner) and £220 with the networking dinner. The networking dinner is included within the early bird rate but is optional once the regular rate becomes available.

All tickets give entry for both days. We do not offer a one-day ticket.

### **When do ticket registrations close?**

Early bird will close when the 40th ticket is sold. Registration will close in February 2025 or sooner should our attendance limit be reached.

### **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, it is ticket only. Last year's dinner sold out, so we recommend booking early if you intend on joining us. The conference dinner will be on a private floor in Hyatt Regency Manchester. 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 9.00am.

### **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](mailto: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?

Yes. The conference venue and the Hyatt Regency Manchester hotel have car parking.

## 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 three 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. Instead, so that everyone can get the information, we'll regularly update these FAQs.

### Who is organising the conference?

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