

## FFtF 2023 Conference - Sustainable transport document

There are many ways to get to and around Bristol, including a number of greener options. Public transport via bus/coach/air and train are available from locations around the UK to Bristol. As a previous European Green capital (2015) this is the perfect city to host our conference on sustainability and we would really encourage you to think about greener ways of arriving at the venue – including lift sharing and public transport.

**Conference Venue:** The Great Hall, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol BS8 1RL

### National Travel

**National Coaches** – <https://uk.megabus.com/city-guides/bristol> or <https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/help/coach-stations/bristol> The Bus Station is the nearest drop off for the conference (14 mins walk).

**Regional lift shares** – can you organise a group to car share from your region or even a coach to travel together? Nothing better than a road trip for making new connections!

**Train** - Bristol Temple Meads is the closest station to the conference, approx. 30 minute (1.5 mile) walk with the last part uphill – <https://www.routeyou.com/> There are further details below for connecting buses to the conference venue from the station or take a carbon neutral Voi scooter <https://www.voiscooters.com>

**Car** - The venue is around two miles from the M32 . There are 4 **Park and Ride** locations , depending which direction you are entering the city from <https://visitbristol.co.uk/your-visit/travelling-to-bristol/park-and-ride>

**Car parks** - You can park in any of the city car parks but the closest two are West End (BS8 1EH) and Trenchard Street (BS1 5AN), both about a five minute walk away. Use the drive section of the [TravelWest website](#) to check for their locations and facilities.

**Airport** connections – We know that for some of our delegates there is little alternative. <https://flyer.bristolairport.co.uk/timetables> gives details of buses between the airport and the city. The Bus Station is the nearest drop off for the conference.

### Travelling around the City

Once you're here, you'll be able to use public transport like Bristol buses or the local train line from Bristol Temple Meads station to Clifton Down station near

the University and conference venue. You'll also be able to ride one of the city's Voi scooters and, of course, walk around the city.

Check out **Route0** to help you plan your greener travel to Bristol: RouteZero The clever tool invented by a Bristol University student to quickly show journey options between two places, including their costs, estimated times and, crucially,

**Bike** - Better by Bike (Bristol City Council) have online cycle maps, suggested routes and information. If you are new to the city, beware of the traffic – it can be manic, but that said Bristol was recently voted the most cycle friendly city in the UK so check the best route on the above site.

**Bus** – (from Bristol Temple Meads train station)

- The 72a bus service from Bristol Temple Meads train station. These run a combined frequency of every 15 minutes at peak times and stop at Tyndall Avenue on the University campus. The journey takes about 20 to 30 minutes.
- The 8 bus service from Bristol Temple Meads train station. This runs at least every 10 minutes at peak times and stops by The Berkeley pub on Queen's Road, opposite the Wills Memorial Building, before heading towards the Richmond Building (Students' Union) and Clifton village. The journey takes about 20 to 30 minutes.
- The 1,2,3,4 and the One bus services. These all stop in the Park Street, Triangle, Whiteladies Road area, two minutes walk from the University.
- The Bristol Unibus service. This connects the Stoke Bishop halls of residences with the University campus and city centre.

**Ferry** (why not?) - Bristol Ferry Boats run a regular service from Temple Meads around the harbour – the perfect choice if you aren't time pressured for an orientation of the city from the waterside. The closest stop to the University is the City Centre Landing, from where you can walk up (quite a hill) to Park Street and the University campus – but there are some rewarding second-hand shops en route to distract you!

**Taxi apps** – Some taxi companies in Bristol (such as V Cars and Uber) have mobile apps that you can use to get a quote for the cost of the journey and use to book your journey. There are taxi stops outside Temple Meads train station. The local hackney cabs are painted blue – like Bristol blue glass!

A few local greener travel road travel initiatives to note:

- **Charges** for 'more polluting' cars start from November 2022. Check if your car is liable <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/bristols-caz/charges-and-vehicle-checker>

- **20 is plenty** – many roads around the city centre have a permanent reduced speed limit to reduce emissions and improve safety, so watch out!
- Numerous **Bus lane** charges (some only apply at peak times)
- **Residential permit parking** in force around the city centre, so stick with designated parking (see suggestions above).

Safe trip!