



ACADEMY FOR SICKLE CELL & THALASSAEMIA

7-10 OCTOBER 2026

CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER, LONDON



WELCOME TO ASCAT 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the **21st Annual Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Conference**, delivered in continued collaboration with the **European Hematology Association (EHA)**.

ASCAT 2026 marks the first chapter of our new multi-year conference series, **Haemoglobinopathies Without Borders**, beginning with **Building Care That Lasts: Sustainability in Haemoglobinopathy Care**.

This year's programme focuses on the practical realities of delivering equitable, high-quality care across regions, systems and generations – examining how scientific progress, workforce development, policy, advocacy and emerging therapies can be translated into durable models of care worldwide.

Through cutting-edge research, applied sessions, and meaningful collaboration, **ASCAT 2026** brings together clinicians, scientists, patients, advocates and partners to address shared challenges and help shape a more sustainable and equitable future for all those affected by sickle cell disease and thalassaemia.

Conference Venue

Central Hall Westminster, London

ASCAT 2026 will take place at Central Hall Westminster, London, one of the UK's leading conference and event venues, located in the heart of Westminster, just moments from Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament.



**Please click the map for directions
to the venue**

Conference Venue

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Parking

Please note that there is **no parking available on-site**. If you are travelling by car, you can find nearby **parking options** at [Westminster Parking](#).

Registration

Registration will be located on **Level 1** at Central Hall Westminster.

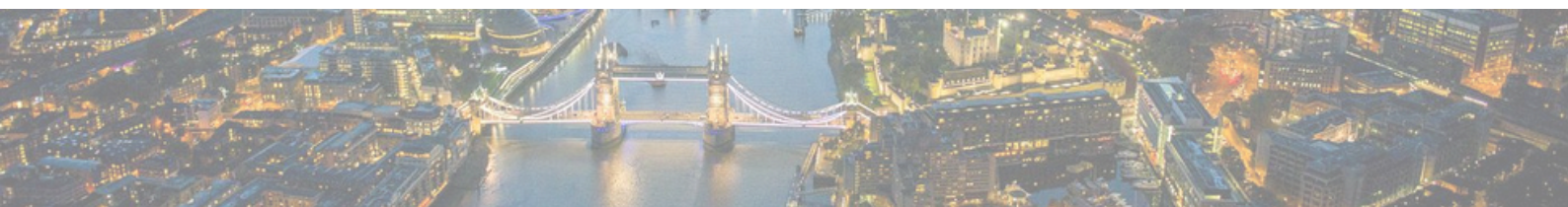
Cloakroom

Located On **Level 1** in the visitor centre

WiFi

For all **attendees and general guests**, the venue Wi-Fi details are:

Network: CHW
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Registration

Central Hall Westminster, London

Please ensure you **collect your name badge** from the registration desks located within **Level 1 at Central Hall Westminster**.

You are required to wear your name badge at all times including the subsequent social programme.

Registration will be open on the dates and times noted below:

Wednesday 7 Oct	10:30 - 17:00
Thursday 8 Oct	08:30 - 17:00
Friday 9 Oct	08:30 - 17:00
Saturday 10 Oct	08:30 - 12:00

Programme

The most up to date version of the programme can be found [here](#).

Water Stations

Please bring your own re-usable drinks bottle so you can fill up from the various water coolers located throughout the venue.



Map Venue

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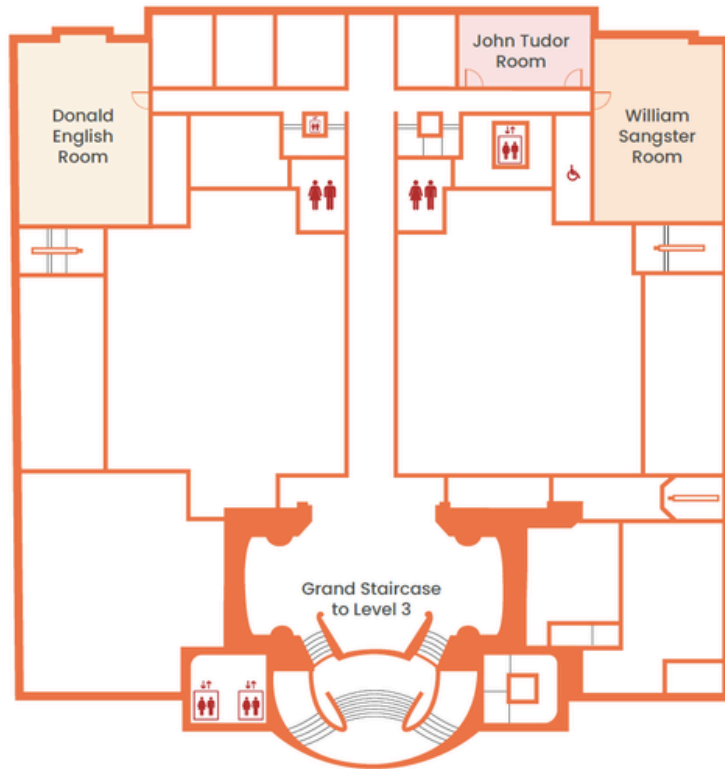
Level 1 Floor Plan A-Z

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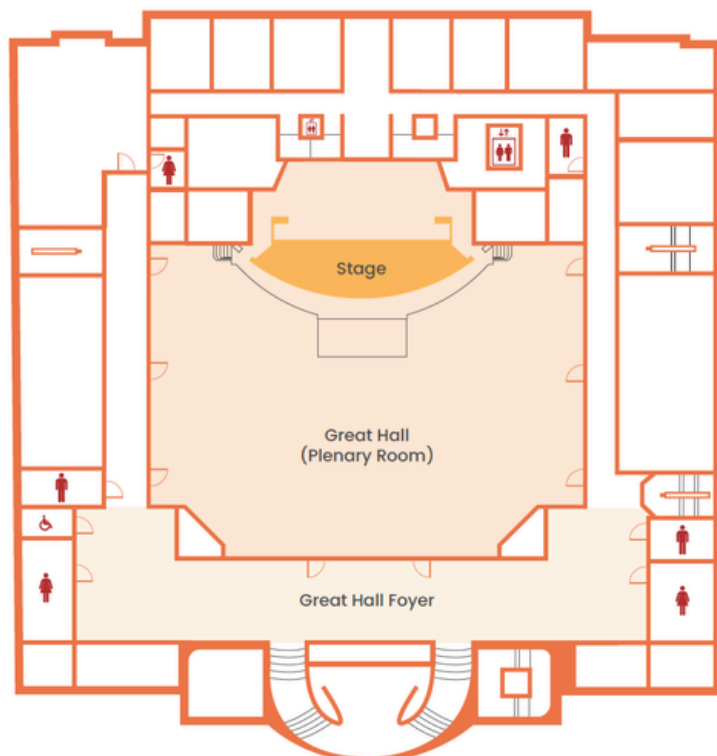
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Level 2 Floor Plan

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Level 3 Floor Plan



Cultural Attire Day

Friday 9th October



On **Friday 9th October**, we invite everyone to celebrate the incredible diversity of our global community by wearing traditional attire that reflects your nationality, culture, or heritage.

Throughout the day, we'll gather for group photos by country, creating a vibrant snapshot of the many cultures that unite us.

More information can be found [here](#).



Download the Conference App

Don't forget to download the ASCAT 2026 App to stay up to date with your schedule and plan your day, as well as connect and network with colleagues.

To download the app, please scan or click the QR code according to your device (Apple or Android).

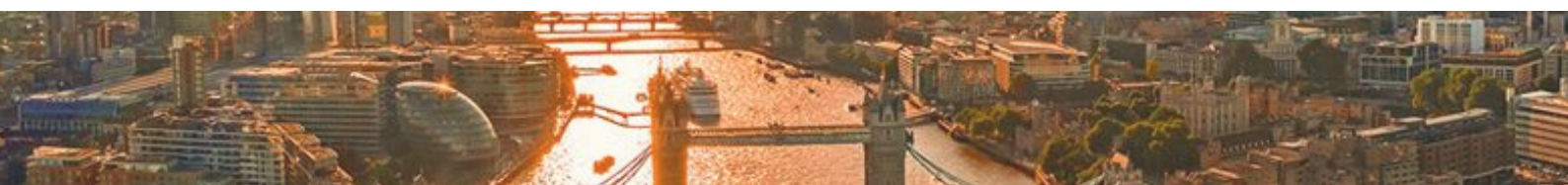
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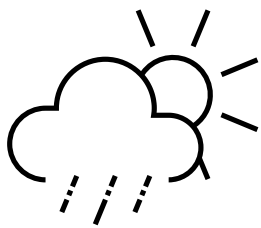
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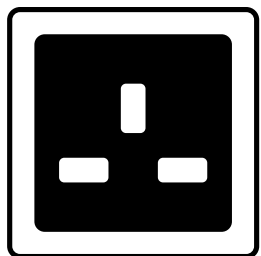
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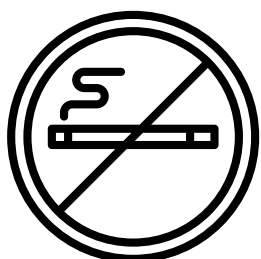
The weather in London ranges from 10°C to 16°C in October. Ensure to pack additional layers and water proofs



The local currency in the UK is Pounds Sterling. Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted throughout the UK; American Express is accepted in some places



Ensure to bring your travel adaptors. The standard plug in The UK, is a 3-pin plug



There is no smoking in public places only in designated smoking areas

Arriving in London by Train

London is one of the best connected cities in the world. Served by an international train service from France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

If you are arriving in London by train, Central Hall Westminster is easily accessible from all major London railway stations via the London Underground:

- **From King's Cross St Pancras:** Take the Victoria line to Victoria, then change to the District or Circle line to St James's Park. Central Hall Westminster is approximately a 5-minute walk from the station.
- **From Euston:** Take the Victoria line to Victoria, then change to the District or Circle line to St James's Park.
- **From Paddington:** Take the Circle line directly to St James's Park.
- **From Liverpool Street:** Take the Circle line directly to Westminster. Central Hall Westminster is approximately a 5–10 minute walk from the station.
- **From Waterloo:** Take the Jubilee line one stop to Westminster, followed by a short walk to Central Hall Westminster.
- **National Rail:** For train times, fares and journey planning, please find more information on the National Rail website.

For more travel information and to plan your journey across London, please visit the Transport for London (TfL) [website](#).

Arriving at London Airport

London is served by six major airports: **Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton, London City and Southend**, all with connections to central London.

Heathrow and London City are among the most convenient airports for reaching Central Hall Westminster, with public transport connections available via train, Underground and DLR.

We recommend allowing at least 1 hour and 30 minutes for travel within London, particularly during peak times. For the easiest route from your airport to the venue, please use the Transport for London (TfL) Journey Planner.

For more information on this service, [please see here](#)

*Some airports require using Thameslink for travel, you can find more information [here](#)

Accommodation

LONDON

Click logo to be redirected to hotel website



PARK PLAZA LONDON WESTMINSTER BRIDGE

Location: 200 Westminster Bridge Road, London

Check in from 3:00 PM - Check out up to 12:00 PM

Distance from Venue: 14 minute walk



HUB BY PREMIER INN LONDON WESTMINSTER ABBEY HOTEL

Location: 21 Tothill St, London

Check in from 3:00 PM - Check out up to 12:00 PM

Distance from Venue: 1 minute walk



HUB BY PREMIER INN LONDON WESTMINSTER, ST JAMES'S PARK HOTEL

Location: 15 Dacre Street, Westminster, London

Check in from 3:00 PM - Check out up to 12:00 PM

Distance from Venue: 4 minute walk



CITIZENM LONDON VICTORIA STATION

Location: 292 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London

Check in from 2:00 PM - Check out up to 11:00 AM

Distance from Venue: 15 minute walk



RIU PLAZA LONDON THE WESTMINSTER

Location: 30 John Islip Street, London

Check in from 3:00 PM - Check out up to 12:00 PM

Distance from Venue: 15 minute walk

Please note: Guests are required to show a photo ID and credit card at check-in.

CONTACT INFO

Emergency Services

Call 999/112 for Ambulance/Police/Fire.

Delegate Queries can be dealt with via the registration desk in the lobby at Central Hall Westminster. Any other issues please do not hesitate to contact ascat@conferencepartners.com

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**We look forward to
welcoming you all to London!**