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NAVCA Annual Conference 2024

The Future of Local Infrastructure

10:30am – 4pm

Thursday 16th May 2024

Birmingham

Join us to shape the future of local infrastructure, with speakers and workshops exploring innovative ideas and projects.



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About the conference

Join NAVCA, members and partners in Birmingham to shape the future of local infrastructure. Through exploring and developing different topics through the four functions of infrastructure, attendees will have the opportunity to share knowledge, learn from others, and leave feeling equipped and inspired to take action.



**Leadership
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The venue



Our conference will be held at Austin Court, a modern venue in central Birmingham. It is easy accessible by public transport and on foot from Birmingham New Street train station.



Keynote speaker

**David Knott, CEO,
The National
Lottery
Community Fund**



In the first session of the day, we will hear David Knott's perspective on the future of local infrastructure and the voluntary sector.

Conference schedule

Wednesday 15th May 2024 – Networking Dinner at Villa Park, 7pm – 9pm

Thursday 16th May 2024 – NAVCA Annual Conference at Austin Court

9am – 10:30am – **Registration** and networking space for all conference attendees. Refreshments available.

Keynote speaker: David Knott, CEO at The National Lottery Community Fund.

Morning workshop options (1 hour):

How do we demonstrate the role and purpose of local infrastructure to an incoming government?

How do we strengthen collaboration in VCSE healthcare commissioning?

How do we demonstrate visible leadership when tackling racism?

How can we develop a local vision for volunteering?

Lunch and networking space for all attendees.

Afternoon workshop options (1 hour):

How can we have effective influence on decision-making locally?

How can we make funding opportunities more fair and transparent?

How do we meaningfully engage young people in volunteering?

How can we achieve racial and climate justice in the charity sector?

How can we effectively and safely use AI?

Final session of the day: **Panel discussion** on the future of local infrastructure, open to all attendees.

The conference will finish at 4pm.

Morning workshops

How do we demonstrate the role and purpose of local infrastructure to an incoming government?

Join Jill Hopkinson, Policy Manager at NAVCA, to identify core messages and priorities for an incoming government, such as the contribution of local infrastructure to thriving communities and tackling inequalities, and how to demonstrate this.



How do we demonstrate visible leadership when tackling racism?

Join Hannah Olarewaju from Diversity Marketplace to explore what we need to do to show leadership in anti-racism, as well as what we need to do to empower people and create space for diverse leadership in the voluntary sector.



How do we strengthen collaboration in VCSE healthcare commissioning?

Join Angela Ellis Paine, Lecturer in Voluntary Sector Management at City University, to explore and share learning from research, policy and practice, to strengthen VCSE and health and care commissioning.



How can we develop a local vision for volunteering?

Join Becky Isaac, Vision for Volunteering Implementation Manager at NAVCA member Birmingham VSC, to explore their process of consultation and coproduction in developing a local vision for volunteering for Birmingham.



Afternoon workshops

How can we have effective influence on decision-making locally?



Join Maddy Desforges, CEO at NAVCA, to share your learning and experiences around approaches needed for local leadership in the current context, and what barriers exist to convening at place. This session is recommended for CEOs and senior leaders.

How can we achieve racial and climate justice in the charity sector?



Join Mahnoor Kamran, climate justice advocate and youth Board member at Good Energy, to explore the importance of racial equality in relation to the climate emergency, and how the voluntary sector can make a positive difference in this space.

How can we make funding opportunities more fair and transparent?



Join Helen Betts and Scott Copeland from NAVCA member Nova Wakefield District to explore their local funding partnership, the Third Sector Framework, which aims to make funding for local VCSE organisations more open, fair and transparent.

How do we meaningfully engage young people in volunteering?



Join George Fielding, Policy and Public Affairs Officer at Volunteering Matters, and leading iwill Ambassadors to explore how young people might experience volunteering differently, and how to harness their enthusiasm for making positive change.

Afternoon workshops

How can we effectively and safely use AI?



Join a team from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to explore how local infrastructure organisations can make the most of AI, whilst also protecting themselves and other charities against the potential risks.

Panel discussion: The future of local infrastructure

After the morning and afternoon workshops, our conference will bring together some of the workshop hosts to talk together about what they've heard and learnt throughout the day.

Sandra Meadows MBE, NAVCA Chair, will chair a panel with:

David Knott, The National Lottery Community Fund
Angela Ellis Paine, City University
Hannah Olarewaju, Diversity Marketplace
Helen Sims, Voluntary Action Sheffield



The discussion will connect some of the key topics from the conference, looking at what action is needed to ensure that the future of local infrastructure is sustainable, innovative and inclusive. We will also invite questions and reflections from the audience.

The conference will finish at 4pm.

Networking events

There will be two events for NAVCA members to network and meet each other ahead of the conference.

Networking Dinner, sponsored by Ladbroke Insurance

Wednesday 15th May 2024, 7–9pm
McGregor's Lounge at Villa Park Stadium
(Aston, Birmingham)
£25 per person

This event is open to all staff from NAVCA member organisations, and is an opportunity to meet other members in a relaxed and friendly setting before the conference.



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CEOs' Breakfast

Thursday 16th May 2024, 9am – 10:30am
Crompton Room, Austin Court
(Birmingham, conference venue)
£15 per person

This event is open to NAVCA member CEO conference ticket holders, and is an opportunity to network with other CEOs in a relaxed and friendly setting before the conference. Breakfast will include hot rolls, pastries, fruit and hot drinks.





Hotel information

Our Networking Dinner (sponsored by Ladbrooke Insurance) is a great way to meet other NAVCA members and the NAVCA team ahead of the conference.

This will be held at Villa Park in Aston, just a 7 minute train journey from Birmingham New Street, and is conveniently located for a number of reasonably priced hotels. We also have a limited number of hotel rooms at the **Aston Inn** available to book alongside your conference ticket.

Other hotels are a short distance from Villa Park and accessible by public transport to central Birmingham for the conference:

Travelodge, Birmingham Perry Barr -

<https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/415/Birmingham-Perry-Barr-hotel?sb=0>

Campanile Birmingham - <https://birmingham.campanile.com/en-us/>

Holiday Inn Express, Birmingham Star City -

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/birmingham/bhxsc/hoteldetail>

If you have any questions about the networking dinner or the hotels, please get in touch with NAVCA.

Getting to the conference

Austin Court, the conference venue, is in central Birmingham. Here are some options for getting here.



Walking: Austin Court is a 15–20 minute walk from Birmingham New Street Station. You will pass the Library of Birmingham and the The International Convention Centre on your way. The venue is near the Birmingham Canal.



Public transport: If you arrive into Birmingham New Street, you can take the metro from Grand Central to Library, then walk for 5 minutes to Austin Court. You can also take the 12, 12A, 13, 9 Platinum or X8 Platinum buses.



Driving: If you need a parking space at the venue for accessibility reasons, please enquire about this when booking your ticket.

You can find full transport information on the Austin Court website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

<https://austincourt.theiet.org/about/how-to-find-us/>

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Founded in 2000 to serve the third sector, Ladbroke have helped organise charity insurance for thousands of non profit organisations. They work exclusively with charities, community groups and social enterprises, and offer free training sessions for NAVCA members and their local groups.



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National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) provides cyber security guidance and support, helping to make the UK the safest place to live and work online.



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In Kind Direct is a UK charity focused on distributing consumer products, donated by companies, to charitable organisations in their network to ensure that everyone has access to the products they need to keep clean, safe and well.

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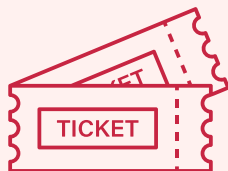


Assura designs, builds, invests in and manages GP surgery, primary care and community healthcare buildings so the NHS has the places and spaces it needs to deliver more services, tests and treatments in the community.

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Ticket information

Early Bird Ticket – £80: Save over 15% when you book early! This ticket is one general admission to the NAVCA conference, for staff working at a NAVCA member organisation. This includes lunch and refreshments.

NAVCA Member Ticket – £95: One general admission to the NAVCA conference, for staff working at a NAVCA member organisation. This includes lunch and refreshments.

Group ticket – £255: Save £10 per ticket when you book for three people from the same organisation to attend the conference. Please note, the three ticket holders must be employed by the same organisation for this ticket to be valid.

Stakeholder or Partner Ticket – £150: One general admission to the NAVCA conference for non-members.

CEOs' Breakfast Ticket – £15: One general admission to the CEOs' Networking Breakfast at Austin Court, on the morning of the conference on 16th May 2024. Please note, this ticket must be purchased in addition to a general conference admission ticket.

Networking Dinner Ticket (sponsored by Ladbrook Insurance) – £25: One general admission to the NAVCA Networking Dinner, held at Villa Park's McGregor's Lounge in Aston, Birmingham, on Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Pay It Forward Networking Dinner Ticket – £25: One paid-forward general admission to the NAVCA Networking Dinner on 15th May 2024. Purchasing one of these tickets means we can offer a free ticket to another NAVCA member who might not be able to afford it otherwise.

Hotel Room, Aston Inn (twin room) – £60: One twin room (two single beds) at the Aston Inn, on the night of Wednesday 15th May 2024. (limited availability)

Hotel Room, Aston Inn (family room) – £75: One family room (one double and one single bed) at the Aston Inn, on the night of Wednesday 15th May 2024. (limited availability)

For full ticket information, go to navca.org.uk/annual-conference.