

Annual Conference & Awards Presentation: Thursday 25 November 2021

Austin Court, Birmingham B1 2NP

9.30am	Registration
10.00am	<p>Environmental Noise This session starts with a look at the new edition of the “Green Book” Environmental Sound Measurement Guide where members of the working group will talk about the updates</p> <p>Following that we look at environmental/industrial modelling ‘and consider ‘When blasting is not blasting’ with reference to the Corsham public inquiry, presented by Ed Clarke (Clarke Saunders).</p> <p>Concluding with a roundup of future acoustic issues, including: Electric vehicle sound, Air source heat-pumps and more.</p>
11.10am	<i>Refreshment break</i>
11.30am	<p>Acoustics for Inclusion Setting the scene for this session is Arup’s Associate Director for Access & Inclusive Environments, Mei-Yee Man Oram. Followed by a look at some case studies from performing arts venues presented by Ed Elbourne (Arup).</p> <p>Next we review current standards and guidance on acoustics that relate to accessibility and inclusivity, and standards and guidance on accessibility/inclusivity that can be incorporated into acoustic design/assessment presented by Thomas Goose (GL Hearn)</p> <p>Clare Taylor, Specialist Teacher for Hearing Impairment, considers acoustic conditions within everyday spaces and could more be done to improve acoustic conditions for users with hearing impairment.</p> <p>Concluding this wide ranging session is Dr Lore Thaler (Durham University) on Echo-location.</p>
12.45pm	Awards Shortlist presentations 1
1.10pm	LUNCH
2.00pm	Awards Shortlist presentations 2
2.25pm	<p>Buildings & Planning Tony Gallagher, MRTPI (Quod Planning) will provide an update on law changes on planning/prior approval; and discuss the differences between permitted development and planning.</p> <p>Toby Lewis, MCIEH (WSP) considers planning class implications and what the EHO might be expecting from acousticians.</p> <p>To conclude we look at case studies on office to residential conversions including a review of the specific noise and acoustic issues, including the open window correction and limitations to improving external sound insulation.</p>
3.40pm	<i>Refreshment break</i>
4.00pm	Awards Shortlist presentations 3

4.25pm	Acoustic Awards 2021 Bridget Shield MBE will give a short talk prior and then present this year's awards.
5.00pm	Awards Presentation
5.30pm	Drinks reception
7.00pm	Dinner

Venue

Austin Court is easily accessible from Birmingham New Street or Snow Hill stations
Pay Car Parking available at the National Indoor Arena car park. For directions [click here](#)

Bookings

Conference £105 plus VAT per person for ANC members = £126 or £150 plus VAT per person for non members =£180. Dinner £65 plus VAT person = £78

The conference fee covers all refreshments including buffet lunch. Please complete the booking form and return with your payment or purchase order instructions. Please note that payment becomes due on booking and no refunds will be made for cancellations less than 14 days before the date of the event or non-attendance. Substitutions may be made at any time.

Awards

The Awards promote and recognise excellence among UK acoustic consultants and raise the profile of the acoustics industry. This year's headline categories are

- **Acoustics for Inclusion, sponsored by Ecophon**
- **Building Acoustics, sponsored by Pliteq**
- **Environmental Acoustics, sponsored by ANV Measurement Systems**
- **Innovation, sponsored by Mason UK**
- **Smaller Consultancies**
- **Vibration Prediction & Control, sponsored by CMS Danskin**

Shortlist

The shortlisted entrants will give a brief outline of their project at different points during the conference. There will be a prize for the best presentation..

Winners

The Awards winners will be announced at the end of the conference at approximately 5pm.

DINNER

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HOTELS

Delegates wishing to stay overnight should make their own arrangements as there is no conference hotel for this event.