

Annual Conference & Awards – Wednesday 25 June 2025

Crowne Plaza, Birmingham, B1 1HH

9.15am	Registration and refreshments
9.50am	Conference introduction (Louise Beamish, ANC Chair)
Session One	Health effects of noise The Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Committee, Mat Tuora (Create Consulting Engineers) will lead this session with presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How noise consultants can reduce ill health risks at work (Chris Steel, HSE) • Conflicts between Acoustic and Thermal requirements arising from the Acoustics, Ventilation and Overheating: Residential Design Guide (James Healey, Peninsular Acoustics) • Evidence Review for Effects of Soundproofing on Residents' Mental Wellbeing and Alternative Designs (Peter Rogers, Sustainable Acoustics)
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Session Two	Emerging technologies The Vice-Chair of the ANC, Ismail Alli-Balogun (Carterhatch Architectural Acoustics) will lead this session with presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FeatherEdge Barry Jobling, (Hoare Lea) showcases FeatherEdge®, an innovative technology inspired by the silent flight of owls to reduce wind turbine noise. • Developing a new method for the calculation of sound levels outdoors. Matt Muirhead, (AECOM) presents the latest modelling techniques to emerge from research into developing a new national sound propagation model for road and rail.
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	Vote for Best Presentation Award
	Refreshment break
Session Three	Applications of bespoke assessment methods ANC Board member Jonathan Howell (Peninsular Acoustics) will lead this session with presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padel Noise: Understanding the Sound of the Game (Ed Clarke, Clarke Saunders; and Adam Walker, Peninsular Acoustics) • The Finite-Difference-Time-Domain method for simulating the generation, transmission, reception and mitigation of groundborne/structureborne noise and vibration, and the story of FINDWAVE (Rupert Thornely-Taylor, RTL)
5.00pm	Conference concludes The AGM will take place immediately from 5pm and is expected to last 30 minutes.

Venue

This year's event is again at the [Crowne Plaza, Birmingham, B1 1HH](#). The hotel is easily accessible from Birmingham New Street station. For more information about directions, public transport and car parking [click here](#).

Bookings - download the booking form [here](#) 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. The categories are:

Buildings
Performance Spaces
Studios & Clubs

Environmental Noise
Smaller Consultancies
Sustainability

Innovation
Sports & Leisure
Vibration Prediction & Control

Shortlist

The shortlisted entrants will give a brief outline of their project during the conference. There will be a prize for the best presentation sponsored by Pliteq.

Awards Dinner and Ceremony

Awards Dinner takes place at 7.30pm at the [Crowne Plaza, Birmingham, B1 1HH](#). The Awards winners will be announced at the end of the awards dinner at approximately 9.30pm. Pallab Ghosh (BBC News Science Correspondent) is our guest speaker and will present this year's awards.

