

SHAPING JUST FUTURES

2026 SCDTP FINAL YEAR CONFERENCE





WELCOME

SCDTP

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the SCDTP Final Year Conference 2026, held under this year's theme, "Shaping Just Futures." This conference celebrates the culmination of years of dedication, discovery, and intellectual curiosity from our final-year researchers across the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership.

Our theme this year reflects the collective commitment of our research community to shaping a future that is more equitable, sustainable, and inclusive. Across disciplines, our scholars have sought to understand and respond to some of the most pressing challenges of our time — from the complexities of identity, migration, and activism, to the evolving frontiers of climate, health, and human behaviour.

The conference offers a space to connect ideas, bridge disciplines, and celebrate how diverse perspectives can come together to create meaningful impact. The three subthemes — Local Lives, Global Impact; Facing Frontiers, Adapting for Change; and Human Landscapes, Contexts and Dynamics — capture this spirit of collaboration and transformation.

We extend our deepest thanks to all presenters, chairs, and attendees for contributing to this event, and to the organising committee for their hard work in bringing this conference to life. We hope this gathering will not only showcase the breadth of your research but also spark new conversations and collaborations that continue long after today. Wishing you an inspiring and engaging conference.

Warm regards,

The SCDTP Final Year Conference Organising Committee



CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:25	Arrival and Registration
10:25 - 10:30	Welcome address
10:30 - 10:50	Keynote Address by Maisha Islam
10:50 - 11:10	Keynote Address by Pascal Matthias
11:10 - 11:15	Introduction
11:15 - 11:25	Comfort Break
11:25 - 12:30	Breakout Session 1
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:15	Breakout Session 2
14:15 - 14:25	Comfort Break
14:25 - 15:30	Breakout Session 3
15:30 - 15:40	Comfort Break
15:40 - 15:50	Event Summary & Thanks

Keynote



Dr Maisha Islam AHFEA

Doctoral College Research Culture Lead for EDI

Dr Maisha Islam is the Research Culture Lead for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Southampton's Doctoral College. Her research areas of interest and expertise centre student engagement, and racial and religious equity in higher education.

She is a co-editor of the recently published book 'Uncovering Islamophobia in Higher Education: Supporting the success of Muslim students and staff', and co-Chair of a Research England/Office for Students Steering Group seeking to improve access and participation of racially minoritised students in postgraduate research.

Keynote



Pascal Matthias

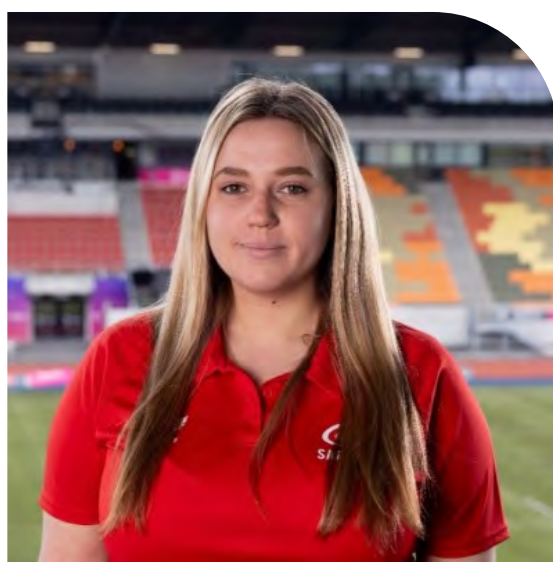
Associate Vice President for EDI & Social Justice

Pascal was appointed Associate Vice President for EDI and Social Justice in February 2023, working with senior leadership to advance Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies and practices. He aims to amplify the voices and ambitions of racialised, minoritised and marginalised staff and students. With a background in fashion design and marketing, Pascal continues to teach fashion management at Winchester School of Art. In 2020, he co founded FACE, a network of Black academics challenging education and fashion industries to be more inclusive. He also consults for the NHS, is a TEDx speaker, and has written for major publications.

MEET OUR CHAIRS



Sadie Rockliffe
University of Brighton



Amy Dent
University of Brighton



Shilpy Bhat
University of Southampton



Emma Levy
University of Brighton



Hatice Yimaz
University of Chichester

LOCAL LIVES | GLOBAL IMPACT

Post-COVID challenges; migration; identity; community; activism;
social change

The Elizabeth Room



BREAKOUT

The Elizabeth Room

11:25-12:30

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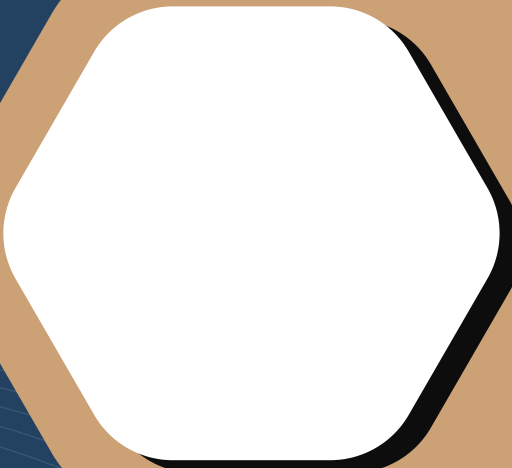
Breakout Session 1 : 11:25 - 12:30



Tulimegamenno Amutenya

Small area population forecasting using geospatial big datasets and national census in low and middle income countries

11:30-11:45



Max Dixon

The other China or an Emerging Taiwan? Democratic Taiwan and British Foreign Policy, 1996-2021

11:45-12:00



Shuting Chen

Interactions between biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation

12:00-12:15

Questions for Presenters : 12:15 - 12:30

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SESSION 2

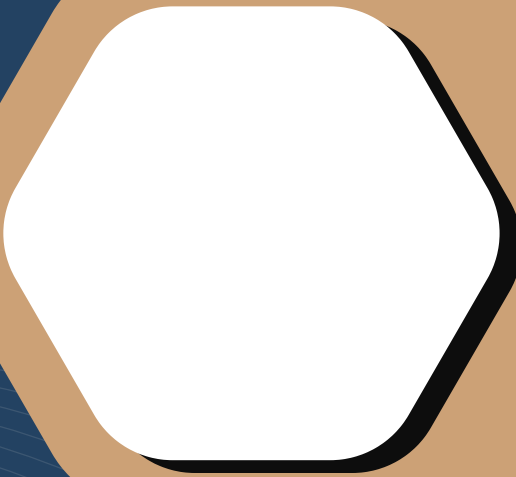
Breakout Session 2 : 13:30 - 14:15



Khaleda Brophy-Harmer

Mass-Observing Whiteness: Understanding performances of race in the Mass Observation Archive, 1990 - 2000

13:35-13:50



Barbara Sherriff

Supporting the Wellbeing and Performance of Young People in a Post-Covid Workforce

13:50-14:05

Questions for Presenters : 14:05 - 14:15

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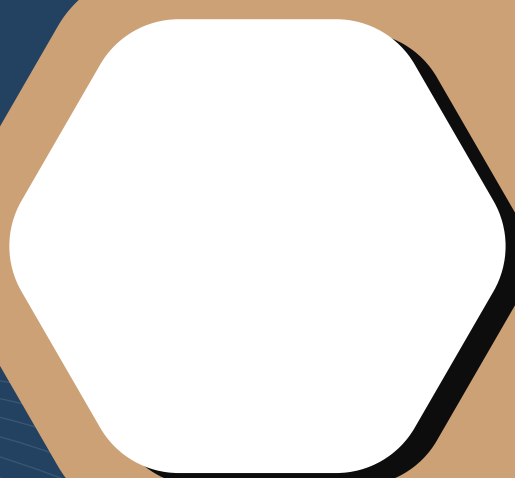
Breakout Session 3 : 14:25 - 15:30



Ramon Almeida

Transforming public security policies to tackle hate crime against LGBT groups in Brazil

14:30-14:45



Oki MacPherson

Understanding "missing" people with disabilities in Indonesian statistics

14:45-15:00



Mark Kaye

Living with Brexit: understanding the experiences of people living through the Brexit moment

15:00-15:15

Questions for presenters: 15:15 - 15:30

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FACING FRONTIERS

ADAPTING FOR CHANGE

Research in a changing world; neurodiversity; climate change

Libby's Room



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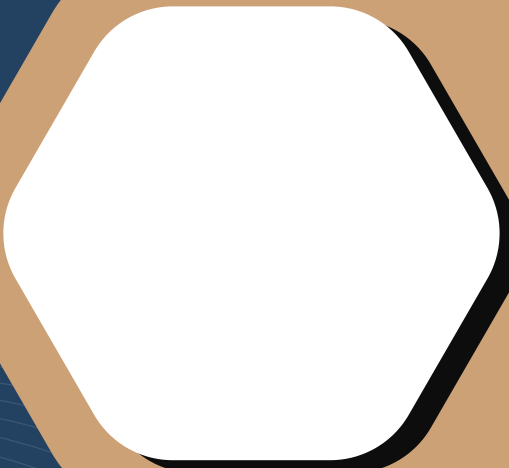
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Qianwen Duan

The effect of counter-urbanization on the ecosystems

11:30-11:45



Nasrat Sayed

The impacts of climate change on climate migrants in large southern cities: a case study of Karachi, Pakistan

11:45-12:00



Laura Mitchell [● REC]

Green social prescribing and social justice

12:00-12:15

Questions for Presenters : 12:15 - 12:30

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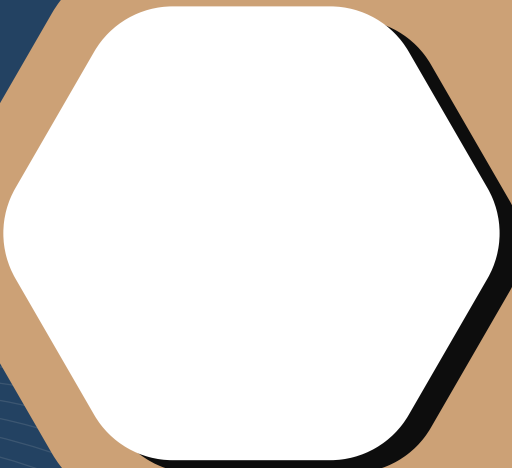
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Chloe Eddy [● REC]

Understanding and supporting autistic girls in school: predictors of engagement, disengagement and exclusion

13:35-13:50



Michael Miles [● REC]

The role of trauma in the association between autism and psychosis

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SESSION 3

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Juan Badariotti

How does exercise cause cognitive improvements? An examination of underlying mechanisms, mediators, and implications for public health communications

14:30-14:45



Elsbeth Clark

Occupational engagement, belonging, and research with students with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities

14:45-15:00



Amy Salkeld

Science and pseudoscience around dissociation and dissociative amnesia: a two-branched experimental approach

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HUMAN LANDSCAPES

CONTEXTS AND DYNAMICS

Social issues; health; human and animal behaviour

The Windsor Room



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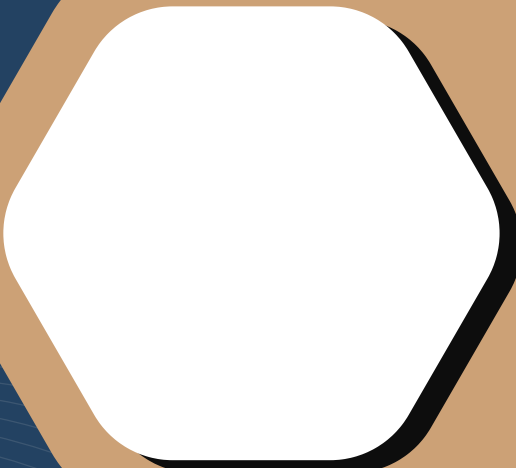
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Hannah Bolt

*The profile of a child sexual offender:
understanding those who sexually
offended against children to inform early
interventions*

11:30-11:45



Claire Thomas

*A critical exploration: the impact of
adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
on children and young people cared for
by the state*

11:45-12:00



Claire Cornick

*Examining and enhancing teacher
training for paediatric chronic pain*

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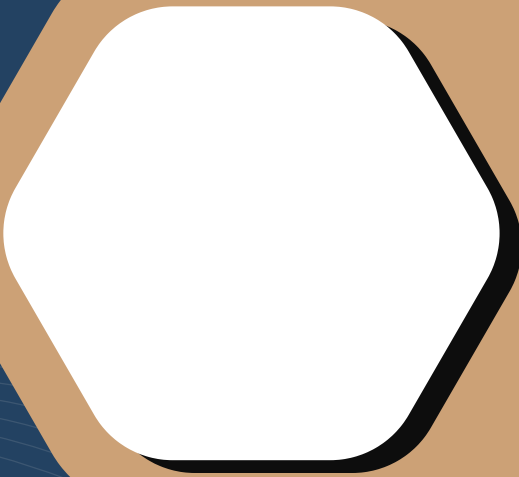
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Charlotte Booker

Adult deliberate firesetting: how does fire safety education lead to behaviour change?

13:35-13:50



Paul Moses

Understanding Agile Project Management to raise productivity and efficiency within business

13:50-14:05

Questions for Presenters : 14:05 - 14:15

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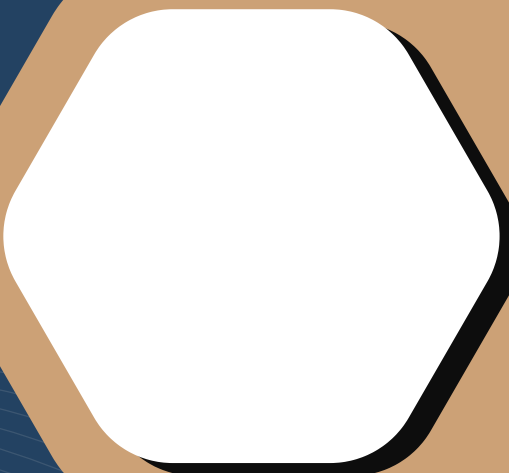
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Sasha Donnier

*Testing the social intelligence hypothesis
for the evolution of communicative
complexity in equidae*

14:30-14:45



Tapinder Sidhu [● REC]

*Understanding body posture signals
across contexts in wild African
elephant populations*

14:45-15:00



Sonia Tomescu-Stachie [● REC]

*Improving psychosocial outcomes in
gynaecological cancers: an exploration
of evidence, patient perspectives, and
the feasibility of online Shared Reading
(oSR)*

15:00-15:15

Questions for Presenters : 15:15 - 15:30

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GETTING THERE

Location



The Queens Hotel Portsmouth
www.queenshotelporsmouth.com
Osborne Road & Clarence Parade,
Southsea PO5 3LJ

Drop-off & Parking

There is a large open area directly in front of The Queens Hotel, making drop-off quick and easy.

Parking for conference attendees is **free**.

Please **enter car registration number** into the machine at reception upon arrival. Failure will result in a parking fine.

Interactive Map



<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1L9TuZ3DRGqaZTb1NSl3LiWIJm5Aou6c&usp=sharing>

Public Transport *By Train and Bus to Queens Hotel*

The Queens Hotel is accessible via **Portsmouth Harbour** or **Portsmouth & Southsea** train stations. Walking from either station takes approximately **26–28 minutes**. Below are the bus routes from either of the stations:

From Portsmouth Harbour:

- Walk 2 minutes to **The Hard Interchange** (Stop M).
- Take **Bus 23** for 7 stops and get off at the **Queens Hotel** bus stop.
- The hotel is directly across the road, approximately 2 minutes on foot.

Return trip:

- Board Bus 23 from the bus stop next to the hotel and alight at The Hard Interchange.

The one-way journey takes around **16 minutes**.

From Portsmouth & Southsea:

- Walk 2 minutes to **City Shops South** (Stop C).
- Take **Bus 23** and for 10 stops and get off at the **Queens Hotel** bus stop.
- The hotel is directly across the road, around 2 minutes on foot.

Return trip:

- Board Bus 23 from the bus stop next to the hotel and get off at City Shops South (Stop D).

The one-way journey takes approximately **21 minutes**.

INSIDE

VENUE

Below is a simple guide to help you navigate the key rooms and facilities used during the conference. Wayfinders will be available throughout the venue to assist you, and if you need any help or have questions, please feel free to approach a member of staff.

Entrance Level

*(Up the front entrance steps) **

As you enter the hotel, you will go **up a short flight of steps** to reach the main reception level and area used for conference activities.



Elizabeth Room

Main Room (Local Lives, Global Impact)

Continue **straight ahead along the corridor to the right** to find the Elisabeth Room. Signage will direct you to the room, which is also used as the **main conference room and breakout room** for ‘Local Lives, Global Impact’ theme.



Libby's Room

(Facing Frontiers, Adapting for Change)

Located immediately to the **left** as you reach the top of the steps. This space will be used for the breakout sessions for the ‘Facing Frontiers, Adapting for Change’ theme.

Toilets on this floor



This level includes **men's** toilets, **ladies'** toilets, and an **accessible** toilet.

Lower floor

(One floor down)

Take the stairs down to the lower level for additional breakout rooms and facilities.



Windsor Room

(Human Landscapes, Contexts and Dynamics)

Located on the left at the bottom of the stairs. This room will host the breakout session for ‘Human Landscapes, Contexts and Dynamics’ theme.

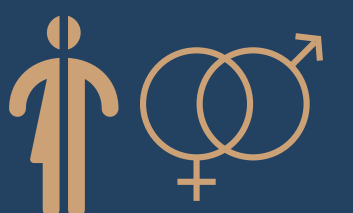
Victoria Room

(Quiet Room)



To the right, next door to the Windsor Room, is the Victoria Room. This space is designated as a quiet room, intended for rest, decompression, and taking time away from the busier areas of the conference. If you need a moment to reset, this dedicated space is available throughout the day, with soft lighting and comfortable seating to help you unwind. Please note that this is a silent room and phone calls are not permitted. Fidget toys are also available to support focus and relaxation—feel free to try them, and kindly return them when you are done.

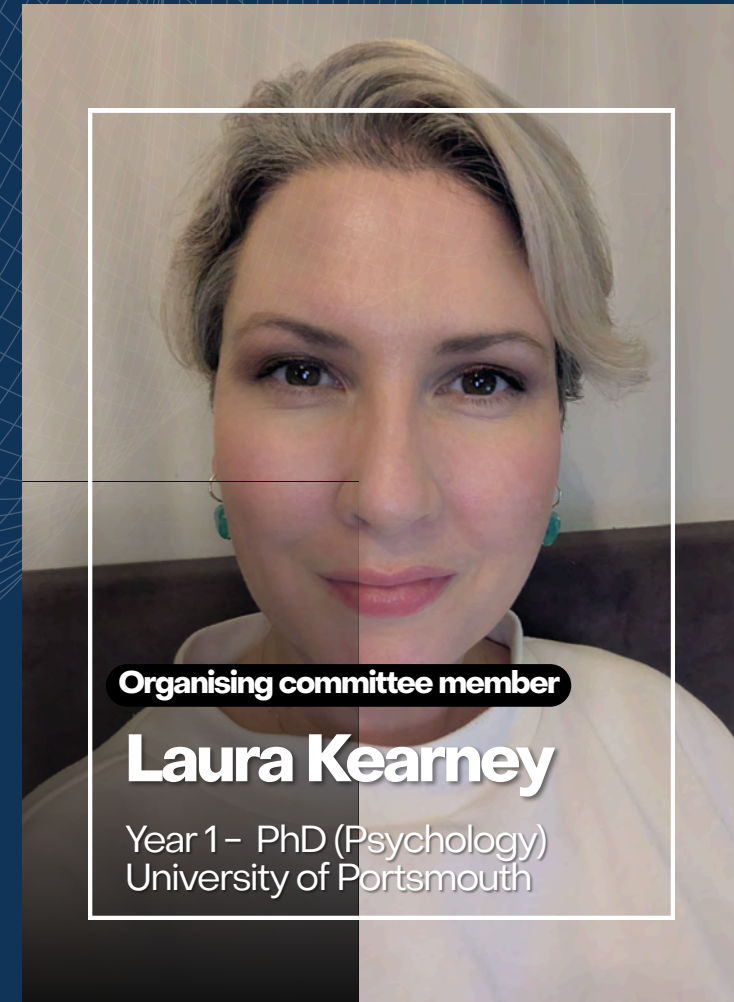
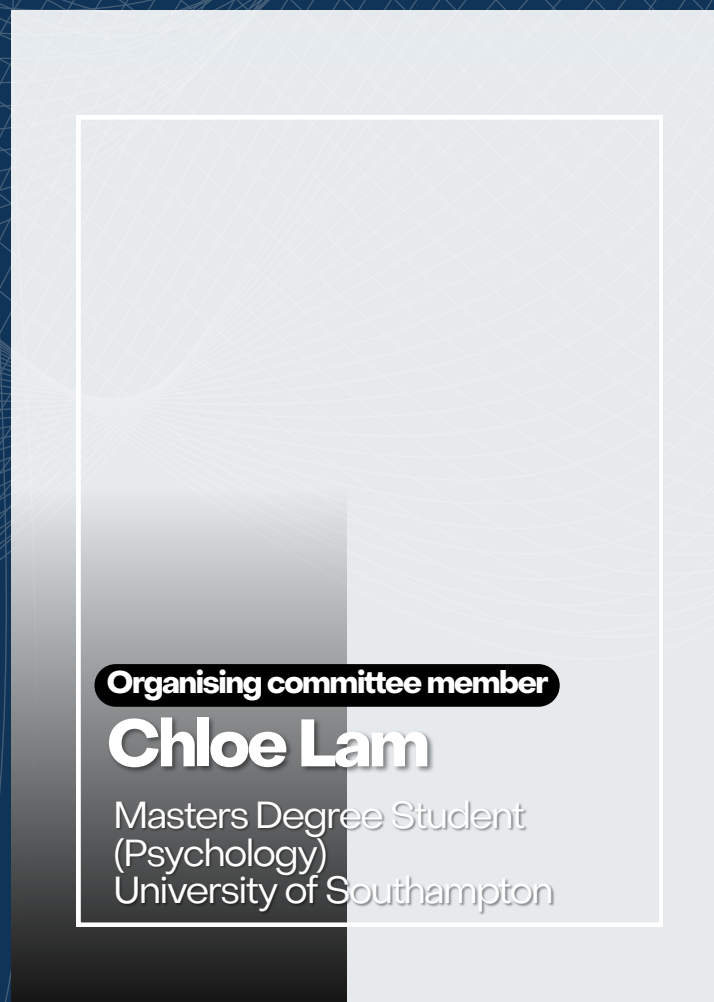
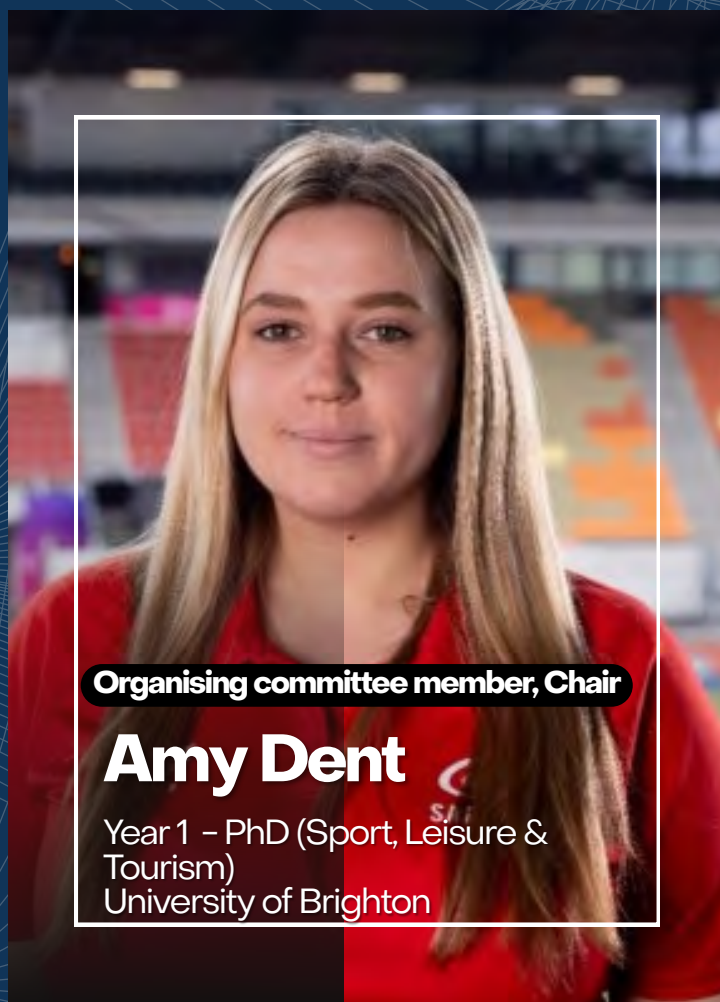
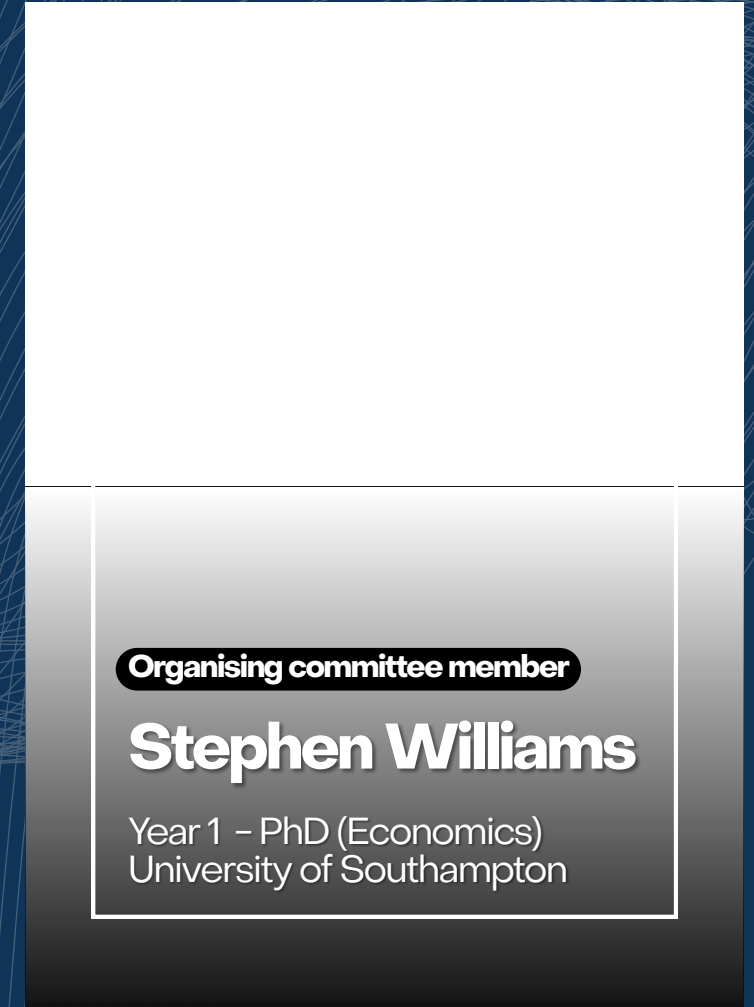
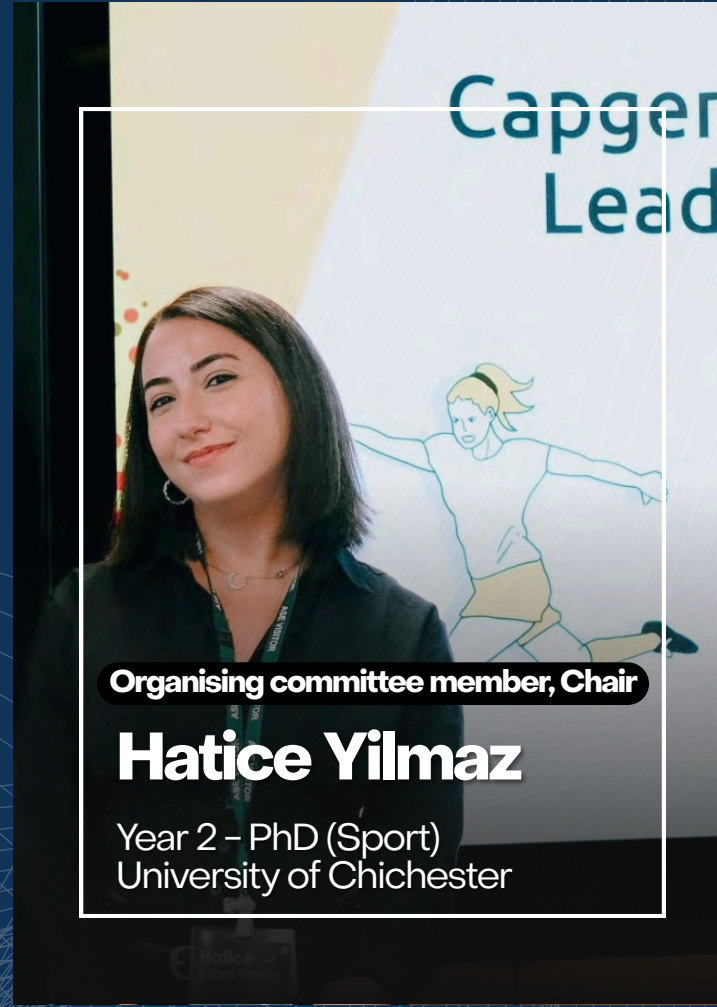
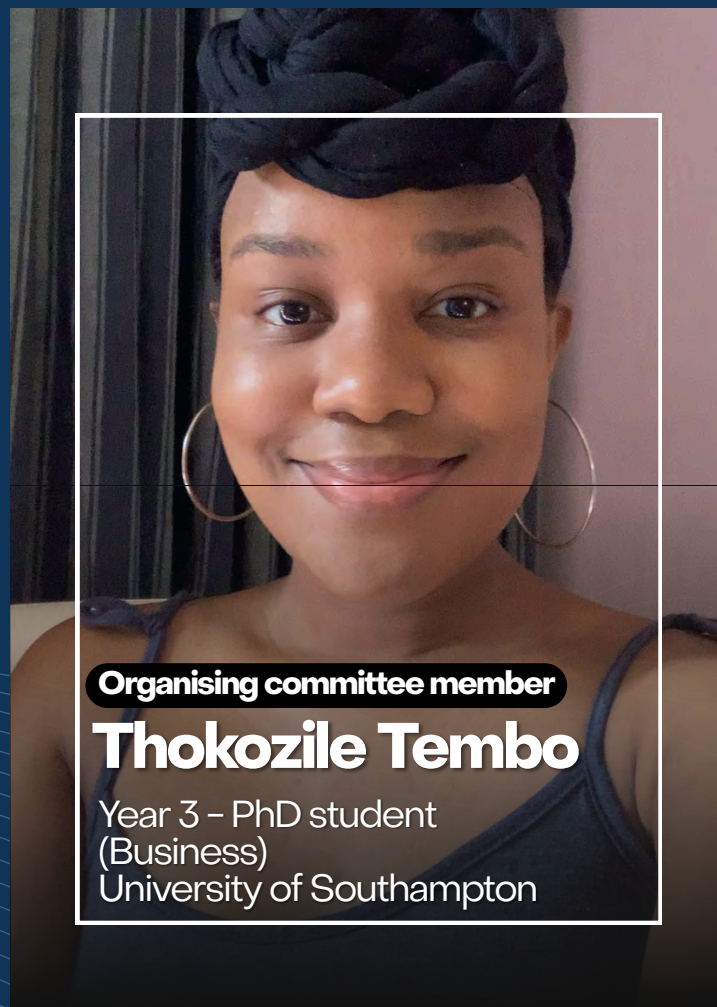
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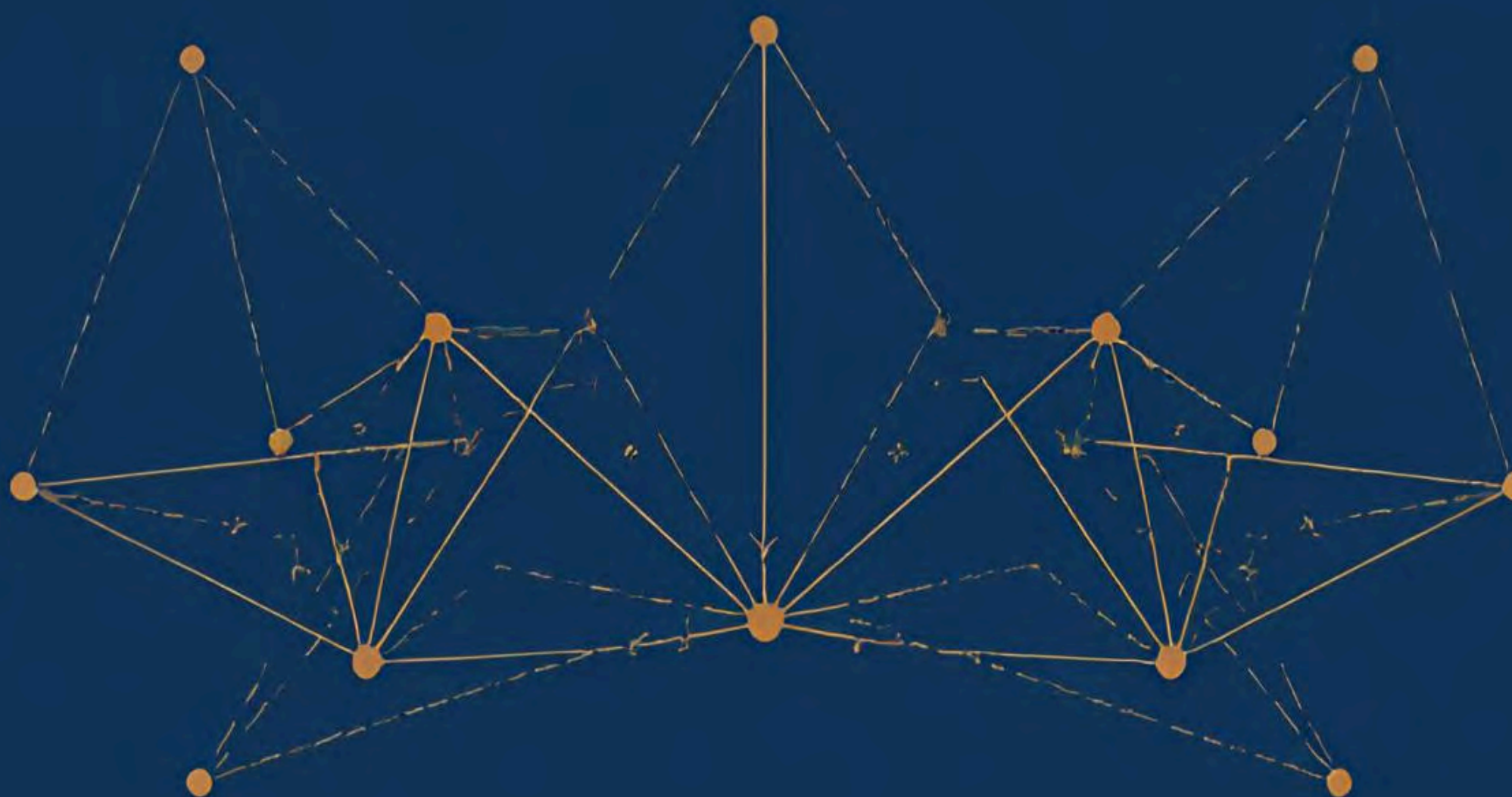


This level offers toilets with urinals and toilets without urinals (gender-neutral), and these will be signposted for your convenience.

* Accessible Entry: For step-free access, please use the Osborne Road side entrance on the left side of the hotel, where a lift is available.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE





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