



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



University College Dublin:
Conferences to impress, events to inspire



A day in the life

With so many venues and options, no two events are ever the same at University College Dublin – but they're all built on a unique campus, world-class facilities and a team that's dedicated to making your conference a success.



8am

Rise and shine: Unlike so many conferencing locations, University College Dublin offers everything on one picturesque site. That includes accommodation: over 3,000 modern bedrooms are available during the summer months – and after a quick pitstop at the campus café, it's time to get a busy day underway.



9am

Registration: With the help of UCD's experienced conference and events team and user-friendly facilities, signing in delegates is as simple as can be. This is a time to get one's bearings, to bump into old friends, and to make new contacts.



9:30am

Opening speeches: University College Dublin is home to a wide selection of venues, from world-class auditoriums to intimate, atmospheric Georgian period townhouses. All are equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, helping even the most detailed of presentations come to life for those in the audience.





11am

Breakout session: as a thriving university campus, UCD has an almost endless supply of classrooms and smaller spaces – an ideal asset for brainstorming, tutorials, seminars and round-table meetings.



1pm

Lunch: UCD's Belfield campus is well served by cafés and restaurants – but its conference and events team can also arrange barbeques, fine dining and banquets, keeping even the biggest conferences well fuelled.



2pm

Keynote speech: O'Reilly Hall, one of Ireland's most prestigious venues, is the ideal setting for a conference showpiece. Designed by world-renowned architects Scott Tallon Walker, it seats over 1,000 people in comfort.



6pm

Unwind: A swim in the Olympic-sized pool, burn off some steam in the gym, or explore the 8km network of woodland walks around the Belfield campus – all these and more are just a few moments' walk from the conference venue.



7pm

After a quick change back at the room, a short bus ride takes us into Dublin city centre. Its pubs and restaurants are ideal for meeting colleagues old and new – the excitement of the capital's nightlife caps off a busy day.



10pm

Back at Belfield, a well-earned rest awaits. With venue, accommodation and services so well integrated onsite, everything is at a guest's fingertips – and ready for another busy itinerary tomorrow.






Conferences to impress, events to inspire

World-class facilities, an ideal location and the right atmosphere all combine to make University College Dublin an internationally renowned conferencing destination – and all our facilities are at your disposal.





To experienced conference organisers, not to mention their delegates, the right location makes the difference between an ordinary event – and one that motivates, energises and enables serious work to be done.

Look no further than University College Dublin. Its impressive Belfield campus contains all the facilities, atmosphere and service that organisers could expect of one site.

And although Belfield is a highly integrated, calm – even secluded – place in which to work, within a few minutes attendees can find themselves right in the bustling centre of a great European capital: Dublin.

As Ireland's largest university, with its great strength and diversity of disciplines, UCD embraces its role to contribute to the flourishing of Ireland; through the study and discussion of people, society, business, economy, culture, languages and the creative arts, as well as through research and innovation.

Its Belfield campus, 4km south-east of Dublin, has been built up over the past five decades to occupy a unique position in the life of Dublin, and of Ireland. It now offers a wide array of venues in which to host events, from the state-of-the-art O'Reilly Hall to a fully restored Georgian period houses. Needless to say the expertise to support events of all types and sizes have grown in tandem.

Although it's within walking distance of a major city, this is true campus life. Delegates can take a break from their busy itineraries on 8km of woodland walks, in the Sports Centre with Olympic-size swimming pool and five-a-side football pitches, and on a whole host of campus activities. From full Irish breakfasts through barbeques to fine dining, our team caters for every requirement.

The facilities of the 132-hectare site, so essential to an event's success, are no less impressive. Over 3,000 fully appointed bedrooms are available during the summer months, all within walking distance of each conferencing facility – making shuttle buses, hotel transfers and complicated logistics unnecessary. More than 3,000 car parking spaces make life easy for Irish and international attendees alike.

A few minutes' journey along Dublin's busiest bus route, or a pleasant walk, and the capital's shops, sights and world-famous cultural attractions are easily unlocked. After a busy day of concentration and work, Dublin's pubs and restaurants are a time-honoured way to unwind and socialise with conference colleagues.

Whatever your conference or event, University College Dublin has the team and facilities to make it happen – and a unique location that will make it a success.



A conferencing tradition

An annual conference, congress or meeting is the centrepiece of an organisation's year; an important date in a delegate's diary; a crucial few hours or days in which to meet, network, learn and work.

Many have passed through University College Dublin's Belfield campus over the years, from global leaders through academic trailblazers to business innovators.

But alongside its role as an academic institution at the centre of Irish life, UCD is also proud to host some of the most prestigious national, European and international organisations – and exceed their conferencing needs.

Conference organisers and delegates demand commitment, keen project management and the facilities and know-how to execute the most high-profile events for national and international audiences alike.

Whatever the size of your event, whatever the sector in which you work, UCD's conference and events team has worked with clients such as Princeton University, Deloitte, Bank of Ireland and the L'Oréal Colour Trophy Awards.

With the facilities and flexibility to welcome SMEs and organisations with just a handful of delegates just as warmly as larger groups, UCD's conference and events team will cater to your needs.

Proud to serve

Bank of Ireland
L'Oreal Colour Trophy Awards
Moloney & Kelly
Paddy Power
CMS Marketing
IBEC
Princeton University

Institute of Banking
World Confucius Institute
NCAD
College of Anaesthetists
Deloitte
IRN
NSO



Some recent highlights

Organisation	Delegate attendance
European Educational Research Association Conference	2,700
16th Int Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health	1,000
World Archaeological Congress	1,500
World Harp Congress	1,500
International Foster Care Organisation Congress	1,000
International Society for Environmental Epidemiology	1,200
European Association for Animal Production	900
7th World Congress on Urological Research	500
European Symposium on Organic Chemistry	800
International Biometrics Congress	850
World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress Gala Dinner	600
42nd International ISAE Congress (Int. Soc. For Applied Ethology)	500



An unrivalled choice

From the high-spec 1,000-seater O'Reilly Hall to the intimate old-world charm of the Georgian Ardmore House, University College Dublin's Belfield campus has the facilities and the flexibility to cater for all.



O'Reilly Hall:

A purpose-built flagship conference venue – one of Ireland's finest



Newman Building:

Belfield's largest building – a range of options at the heart of campus



UCD O'Brien Centre for Science:

An academic space with the light and space for exhibitions and conferences



UCD Health Sciences Centre:

An impressive setting in the centre of UCD's campus



UCD School of Engineering:

A building of impressive scale with seven venues incorporating fully integrated audio visual facilities



UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science:

A modern facility with options form large-capacity lecture theatres to intimate classrooms



UCD Sutherland School of Law:

High-spec, modern facilities in a renowned centre for legal studies



Ardmore House:

A carefully restored Georgian period house with an old-world charm



O'Reilly Hall

University College Dublin's flagship venue is one of the most impressive conference venues in Ireland – an ideal combination of form and function that turns a gathering into a major event.

As befits Ireland's largest university, the Belfield campus is a busy hub of activity with world-class design and facilities.

O'Reilly Hall is a key part of that infrastructure. Designed by world-renowned architects Scott Tallon Walker, its clean lines, high specification and capacity make it the University's flagship venue: a home to large conferences and high-profile events, as well as UCD's most important ceremonies.

Its arrival on the Irish conferencing scene was a pivotal moment: 2,632 square metres of wheelchair-accessible floor space with five distinct layouts (conference, exhibition, theatre, dining and classroom), it offers a blank canvas to suit all requirements and has the flexibility to cater for a wide variety of events.

The O'Reilly Hall's comfortable working environment is the result of a clear focus on the part of the University. Its walls are enlivened by paintings commissioned from leading Irish artists, and the venue's advanced soundproofing and open spaces add to the ambience. An airy conservatory area overlooks the campus lake and is ideal for registration, receptions, assembly and networking.

A hugely impressive combination of form and function, O'Reilly Hall has hosted some of Ireland's most memorable major conferences, concerts, gala dinners, product launches and exhibitions – carefully tailored by the UCD conference and events team for each client's requirements.



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Main configurations

Capacity

Theatre style

1062

Round tables

590

Classroom

450





UCD O'Brien Centre for Science

A variety of auditoriums, theatres and well-appointed rooms make the O'Brien Centre an impressive conferencing venue right at the heart of campus. Its large glass atrium is ideal for exhibitions, and it has the flexibility to cater for a wide range of event types.



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Main theatres	Capacity
George Moore Auditorium	250
Accenture Theatre	378
Elan Theatre	387
O'Connor Theatre	290
Lynch Theatre	230
Intel Theatre	230
Icon Theatre	230
Cabaret Style (max capacity 90):	4
Boardrooms (max capacity 24):	3
Classrooms (max capacity 70):	11

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O'BRIEN CENTRE FOR SCIENCE



Newman Building

The beating heart of University College Dublin's Belfield campus, the Newman Building is its 'Arts Block', named after the University's founder. Overlooking Belfield's distinctive lake, with 650 square metres of open concourses ideal for networking and exhibitions, and ample tiered lecture theatres, the Newman Building provides a superb site for events of many configurations.



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Main theatres	Capacity
Theatre L	505
Theatre M	281
Theatre N	192
Theatre O	190
Theatre P	264
Theatre Q	269
Theatre R	190
NT1	134
Classrooms (max capacity 100):	22



UCD Health Sciences Building

The Health Sciences building is at the centre of University College Dublin's interface with 21st century healthcare. A showpiece of the University's campus, its glass-walled concourses and impressive gallery are available, along with an extensive selection of theatres and classroom facilities.



Main venues	Capacity
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B004	330
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B005	330
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C004	250
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C005	250
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C006	110
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C007	110
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Classrooms (max capacity 60):	17
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UCD Engineering Building

A busy and productive centre for teaching and research, UCD's Engineering Building is an ideal location for a variety of conferences and events. Seven venues with fully integrated audio visuals add further value to a distinctive and industrious setting.



Main venues	Capacity
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Theatre 135	132
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Theatre 326	142
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Theatre 234	85
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Theatre 121	78
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Theatre 317	58
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Classrooms (max capacity 85):	2
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UCD Sutherland School of Law

The first purpose-built Irish law school in Ireland, was designed with the principles of community and communication in mind. Completed in 2013, the state-of-the-art facilities include numerous teaching, study, relaxation and breakout spaces, the building houses three state-of-the-art lecture theatres, seating numbers from 100 to 320, plus a fully catered café on the ground floor.



Main venues	Capacity
Mason Hayes & Curran	195
A&L Goodbody	321
William Fry	95
Classrooms (max capacity 85):	8



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UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science

Ireland's foremost centre for the study of veterinary medicine, food and agricultural science, the School of Agricultural and Food Science is an important hub in a sector that is vital to the University, and the country in general. Its large-capacity lecture theatres and wide selection of round-tables, boardrooms and classrooms offer a welcome flexibility to event and conference organisers.



Main venues	Capacity
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G15	162
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G24	105
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G08	110
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G09	68
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118	55
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Round table (max capacity 60):	1
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Boardrooms:	2
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Classrooms (max capacity 45):	7
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Ardmore House

Built C. 1800, Ardmore House is a typical example of an 19th century country villa. An extension in the late 1800's incorporated a balustraded Corinthian porch and bow ends, generating the building we see today. Having recently undergone restoration, three reception rooms have now been restored to their former glory and are available for your meeting or reception.



Main venues

Capacity

Boardroom 1	20 boardroom 40 dining
Boardroom 2	20 boardroom 40 dining
Reception Room	40 standing



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Awaiting conference image



In their own words

The facilities and standard of service at University College Dublin's conferencing and event facilities speak for themselves. We've asked some of our recent guests to describe their experience at our Belfield campus.

"The Conference & Events Office in UCD has the capacity, the skills and expertise to plan your conference in detail and deliver the highest quality service with a smile. They recently did just this for the European Educational Research Association when UCD hosted 2,500 delegates for the week of August 22nd to 26th with smoothness, efficiency and aplomb."

Professor Ciaran Sugrue
Chair, Local Organising Committee

"We've used the O'Reilly Hall a number of times over recent years for a very important client of ours. Our ambition each time is to deliver an outstanding strategy conference that delivers on our clients objectives and for an audience of up to 1,000 delegates. Our brief and output is different each time and O'Reilly Hall is well situated space to adapt to our needs. The team onsite are extremely professional and always a pleasure to work with. I would have no reservations recommending O'Reilly Hall as a venue."

Bríonán Hyland
CMS Marketing

"We've been holding events in UCD for a number of years now. The staff there provide a great service which help us to organise successful events for our members. We have found them to be supportive, efficient, flexible and professional at all times and it's always a pleasure to deal with them."

The Institute of Banking



Our Commitment

At University College Dublin, we believe in conferences to impress and events to inspire. Our team will devote our extensive expertise and experience to helping you produce an event that exceeds your expectations.

That includes:

- Assisting with the initial bidding process to bring a conference to UCD
- Advising on room bookings and suggested room allocation
- Booking and venue management
- Negotiating with suppliers on your behalf – such as AV services, catering and exhibition boards
- Liaising with the Safety Office to ensure that all health and safety guidelines are met
- Meeting with the organising committee
- Introducing industry partners and sub-contractors
- Arranging a site inspection of the campus and all facilities for the organising committee
- Management and booking of ancillary services for clients – including security, car parking and additional cleaning.

Whatever your needs, no matter how large or small, UCD's Conference and Events Team is here to help make your next meeting or conference a success.

A photograph of a conference table with a glass of water and a folder, overlaid with a green tint. The table is set with a glass of water on the left and a folder on the right. The background shows a chair with a woven backrest.

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