

Vitae International Researcher Development Conference 2024



#VitaeCon2024

The #VitaeCon2024 In-person guide

In-person: Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 September

Venue: Millennium Point, Birmingham, UK.

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Welcome

to the Vitae International Researcher Development Conference 2024



The Vitae International Researcher Development Conference 2024 (#VitaeCon2024) is our flagship event for everyone interested in the policy and practice of global researcher development.

The Vitae conference is set to take place both online and in-person on the following dates:

- Online Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 September 2024
- In-person at Millennium Point, Birmingham, UK on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 September 2024

The Vitae conference brings together a global community of practitioners, leaders and policymakers to share diverse perspectives, making progress for researcher development and the wider research culture agenda.

This year #VitaeCon2024 will focus on recognition. We will consider the importance of broadening what and who is recognised in the research endeavour, fostering a sense of belonging, and how leadership at all levels can create transformative change.

We hope you enjoy #VitaeCon2024 and being part of this connected and inclusive researcher development community.

[View the full programme](#)

#VitaeCon2024 Exhibitors



Gold exhibitors



CODE-SWITCH
CONSULTANTS



**DEVELOPING
BUSINESS-AWARE
ACADEMICS**



Bronze exhibitors

Engagement with Impact

Develop • Consult • Evaluate



Find out more about our exhibitors on the [conference platform](#) or by clicking their logo

Innovation Station



The Innovation Station will be available throughout the in-person element of #VitaeCon2024 in the Auditorium Foyer (Level 4).

Its a place to come and hear from innovators working on large scale projects to help the researcher development community.

Whether it's resources, implementation or evaluation you're interested in, pop along to the Innovation Station to meet and chat with project leads.

We have a dedicated time slot in the Agenda during the extended break on **Tuesday 24 September between 10:15am-11:00am** to meet with the innovators.

The innovators:

[Developing Business Aware Academics](#)

[Prosper](#)

[Research Consulting](#)

Our Venue



This year we are delighted to be hosting the in-person element of the conference at the Millennium Point in Birmingham, UK. For information about travelling to the venue please visit their [website](#).

Our conference will take place across three levels Level 1, Level 2 and Level 4 (floor plans in following slides).

On arrival, please go straight to the Platform (Level 1), where you will be greeted by the Vitae registration team who will sign you in, provide you with a name badge and answer any questions you may have.

Please note, a free cloakroom area is provided where you may drop off any coats and luggage – this area is unmanned, participants leave their belongs at their own risk.



See the Agenda on the event platform for room names within the session descriptions

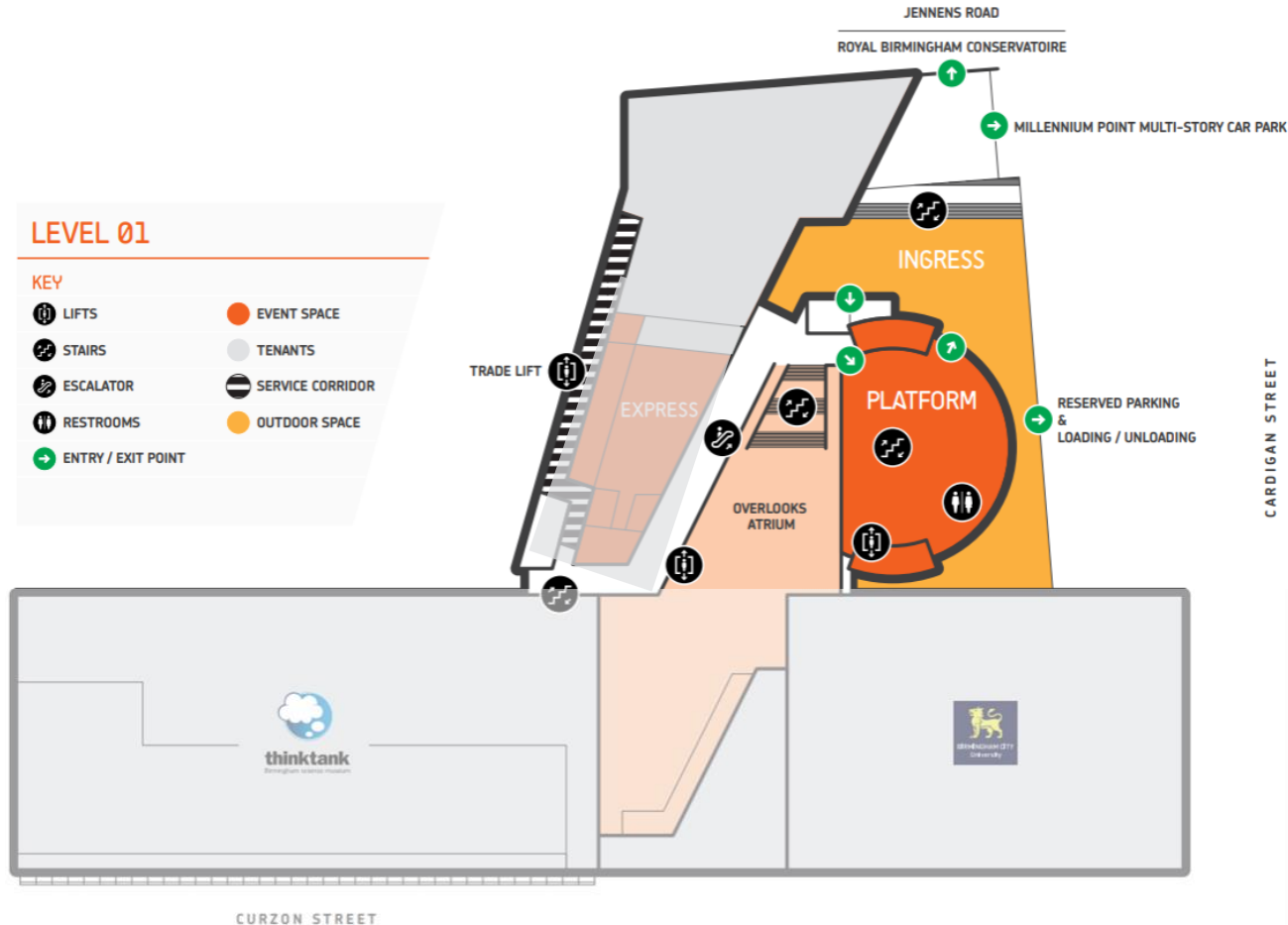
Millennium Point Floor plan level 1



Platform is the only space we will be using on level 1. It will host:

- Exhibition and the Vitae Zone
- Lunch, snack and coffee space
- Open networking

Through **Platform** participants can access the **Auditorium**, where all Keynote and Panel sessions will take place.



Millennium Point Floor plan level 2



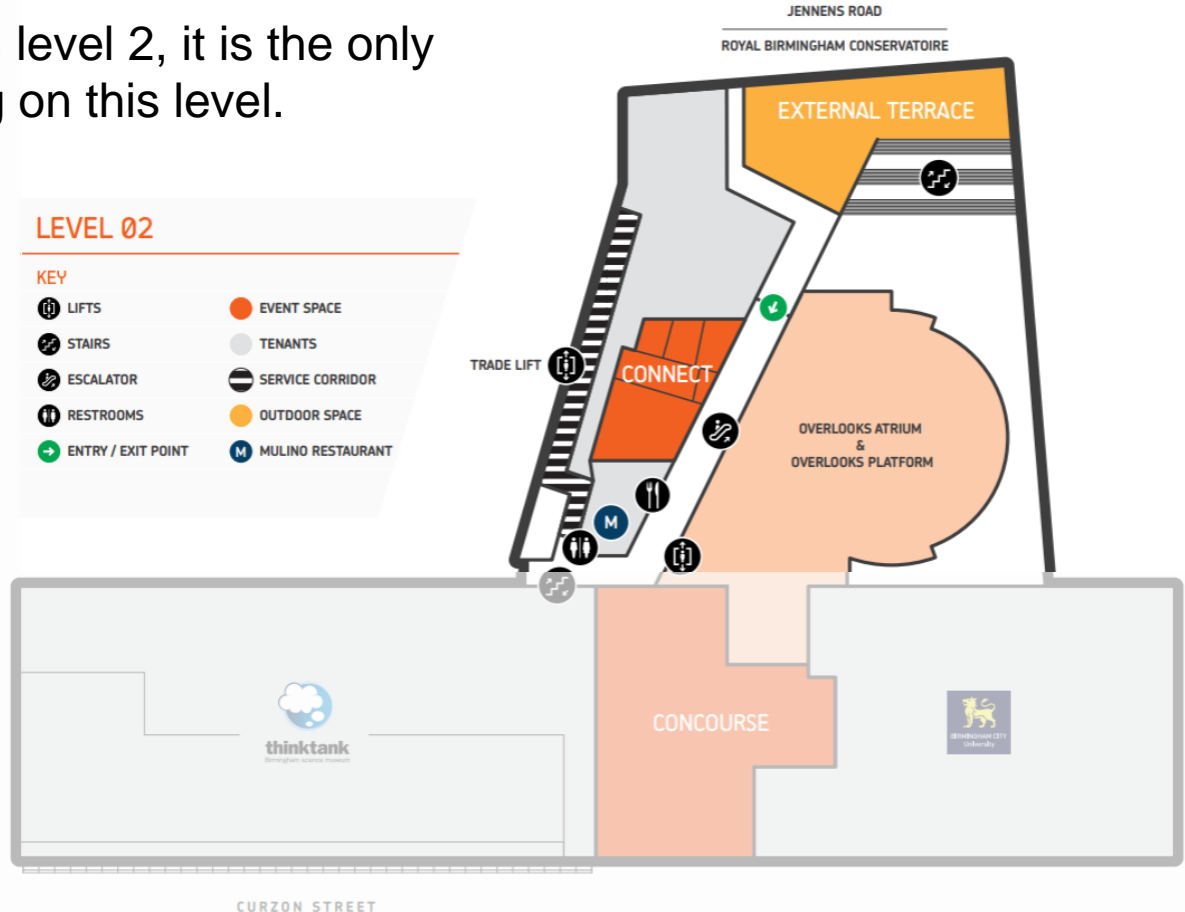
Connect is located on level 2, it is the only space we will be using on this level.

The Connect space includes a large workshop room and the Conference Quiet Space.

LEVEL 02

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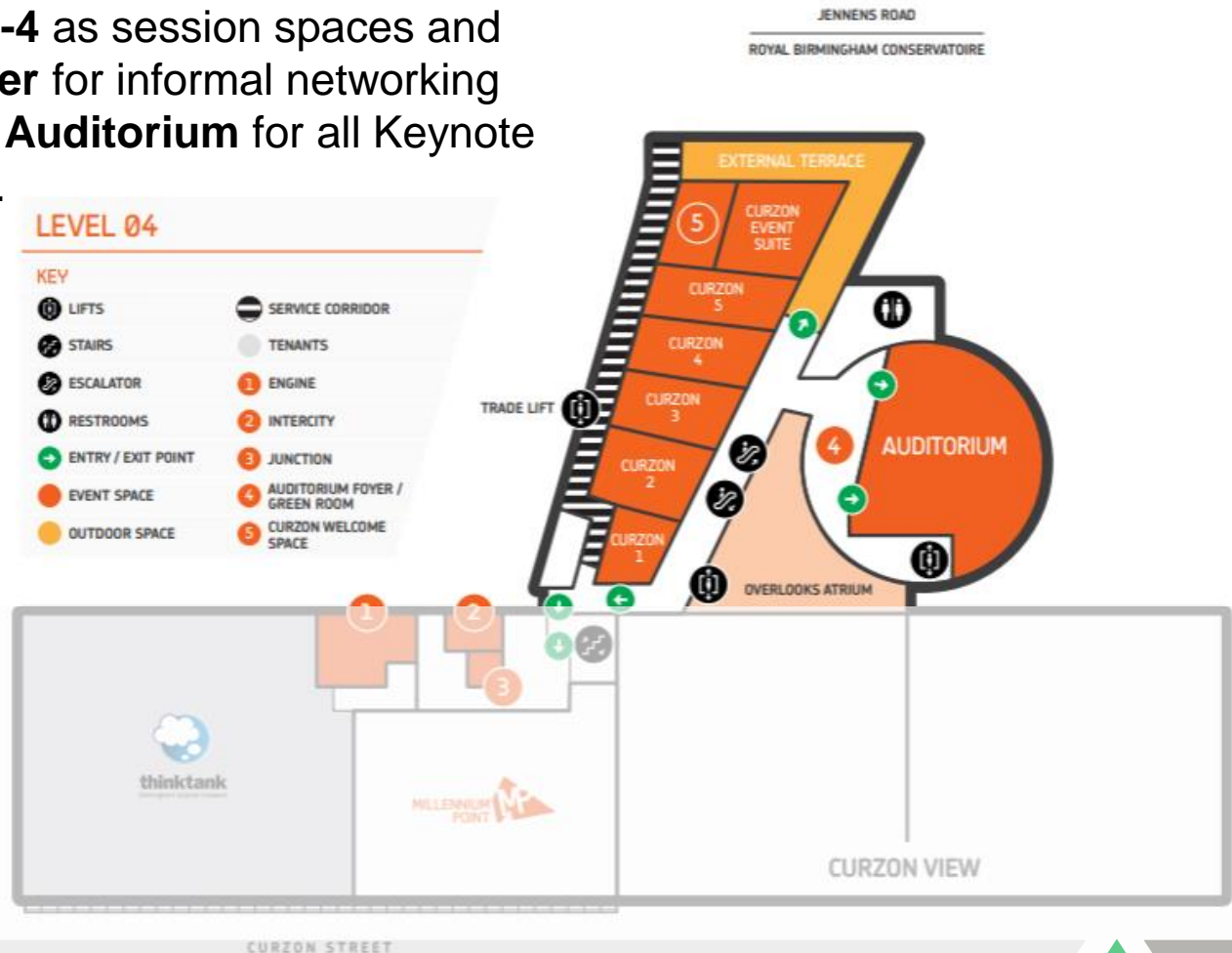
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| ENTRY / EXIT POINT | MULINO RESTAURANT |



Millennium Point Floor plan level 4



On level 4 we will be using the **Curzon event suite** and **Curzon 1-4** as session spaces and the **Auditorium foyer** for informal networking and entrance to the **Auditorium** for all Keynote and Panel sessions.



Accessibility



One of our aims for this year's conference is to make it the most inclusive Vitae conference to date. Whether in the online element or in person, we are considering ways to improve accessibility so that all participants can get the most from the event.

- Breaks have been planned throughout the in-person conference and we encourage you to engage at your own pace.
- The conference agenda has been labelled with a level of interactivity for each session to help you plan your journey through the conference.
- We know that conferences can feel overstimulating for some, therefore, we will have a dedicated 'quiet space' available for the majority of the in-person element for those looking to recharge and decompress. Please be aware that quiet spaces are intended as **non-working zones**.

If you have any questions regarding accessibility, please contact us or review the FAQs.

If you have specific accessibility requirements that we are not aware of, please let us know at the earliest opportunity so that we can plan to support you as needed.

#VitaeCon2024 event app



Use the #VitaeCon2024 event app to access the conference event platform, look at our exhibitors, network and view the multimedia content and digital posters.

The #VitaeCon2024 app can be downloaded to any smart device. Instructions on how to download the app can be found in the FAQs. Chrome is the preferred browser to use for the event platform.

If you have questions during the event or need help navigating to the right session, please see the [FAQs](#) document (or the final slide of this guide).

You can access your ticket via the app to show at registration before receiving your badge.

Use our online conference platform to:

- View the [#VitaeCon2024 agenda](#)
- Book onto the two themed panel sessions
- Select from 23 parallel sessions of your choice (limited availability) across a mixture of hour-long community workshop slots and 30-minute 'special interest' sessions
- Browse the collection of [multimedia content](#) and [digital posters](#)
- View [profiles](#) of our speakers
- Visit the [event community](#) and connect with other participants, speakers, contributors and exhibitors

First time at a Vitae conference? Come along to the 'Vitae team Q&A – drop-in' session



What is it?

In this informal session, members of the Vitae team will be available to answer any questions you have about Vitae. The session will be intentionally open and led by attendees - we can provide information on:

- How Vitae can support you in your role, and how you can make the most of your institutional membership
- The range of services we offer including Vitae's Learning and Development support
- The Vitae Researcher Development Framework
- Navigating our resources, and our plans for the new Vitae website
- Our upcoming events and plans for 2024-25

When is it?

Monday 23 September at 9am, this is one of the first sessions of the conference.

How to attend

Save a seat via the [conference agenda](#), the session will take place in the Connect event space on level 2.

Visit the Vitae Zone on the event platform for the latest updates and reports from Vitae

Keynote and Panel sessions



We are delighted to welcome 11 Chairs and speakers to the in-person element of #VitaeCon2024. Read about our in-person keynotes and panel sessions by clicking the links below:

[Opening Keynote day one](#), Professor Gemma Derrick

[Panel 1](#), Belonging through allyship

[Opening Keynote day two](#), Professor Tom Stoneham

[Panel 2](#), Recognition in academia

All keynote and panel sessions will take place in the Auditorium – accessible via level 1 or level 4

Community content



Community workshops

Choose from 27 community led or Vitae workshops for interactive activities and discussion. Filter the [agenda](#) by theme, interactivity level and session type to help make your selection.

*As places are limited for some sessions due to room capacity, we recommend you **'save a seat'** on the [agenda](#) as soon as possible.*

Multimedia content

Browse and review our [Multimedia content](#), including such topics as:

- recognition of good role modelling in research culture
- collaboration for impact in development programmes
- fostering a sense of community for postdoctoral researchers.

Visit the [Vitae Zone](#) for the latest updates and reports from Vitae.

Posters

[Posters](#) are a great way of communicating complex ideas, fast. Returning for #VitaeCon2024, this agile format includes a number of great community submissions, such as:

Sharing Practice: Researcher Development Fellows Programme
and

Advancing Researcher Development: Integrating the Vitae Framework with Mentorship Strategies Across Career Phases

We will also be showcasing the posters in-person on level 1 at the Platform.

Connect with conference participants via the LinkedIn Community Group



Hosted on LinkedIn, this Community group is exclusively for participants, contributors and speakers of #VitaeCon2024.

Stemming from a community suggestion, this group was created to enable participants to connect, share insights, exchange ideas, and collaborate before, during and after the conference.

Join today to stay updated on the conference goings on, including: agenda updates, keynote speeches, workshop insights and networking opportunities.



JOIN
NOW!

Conference Gala dinner including Vitae Impact, Culture and Engagement (ICE) Awards



The Vitae ICE Awards ceremony will take place during the Gala dinner (Gala dinner ticket required) on Monday 23 September at **The Rep, Birmingham, UK**.

Drinks reception: **Arrival from 18:00**

Dinner: **Sit down at 19:15**, the Awards ceremony will follow

View the Vitae ICE Awards [shortlist](#) and [longlist](#) for the 4 award categories:

- Newcomer of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution
- Research Culture Impact through Researcher Development
- Innovative and Inclusive Practice



Dress code: We invite you to dress up and celebrate in style! While we encourage you to embrace what makes you shine - the choice is ultimately yours, we want you to enjoy the evening in what makes you feel your best.

Need a little help? Where to find event support



Contact us:

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Got a question? Find the answer in the [FAQs](#)

If you have any questions during the in-person element, please go to the Vitae Zone on Level 1 in the Platform space where a member of the Vitae team will be available to support with any queries.

At Vitae, our priority is to ensure the safety and respect of all participants. To achieve this, we have developed a [Code of Conduct](#) for #VitaeCon2024, which we kindly request all participants review before the event.