



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Day Workshop

# **Accommodation, Travel and General Information**

Date: 20 November 2024

# **Meeting venue:**

Homerton College Hills Road Cambridge CB2 8PH UK

(Hybrid meeting)

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# Cambridge

Cambridge is a university city and the county town of Cambridgeshire, England, on the River Cam about 50 miles (80 km) north of London. Cambridge manages to combine its role as an historic city with a world-renowned University and it is an internationally acknowledged centre of excellence for technology and science.

The University of Cambridge (<u>www.cam.ac.uk</u>) was founded in 1209 and it is one of the top five universities in the world. It has 31 colleges, the oldest being Peterhouse (1284) and the newest being Robinson (1979).

#### **Travel Information**





Cambridge is located 50 miles (80 km) north of London and for international delegates we recommend travel via London Stansted airport as the most convenient.

#### Approximate travel times:

- London Stansted Airport 50 mins by car 35 mins by train
- London Luton Airport 1 hour by car 90 mins (by train via London)
- London Heathrow Airport 90 mins by car around 1h30 mins (by train with 2 changes)
- London Gatwick Airport 100 mins by car around 2 hours by train
- London King's Cross and St Pancras Eurostar link 50 mins by train

#### Some useful websites and contacts:

Train: <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/">http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.national.express.co.uk">Buses: www.national.express.co.uk</a> <a href="https://www.national.express.co.uk">https://www.national.express.co.uk</a> <a href="https://www.panthertaxis.co.uk/">https://www.panthertaxis.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.panthertaxis.co.uk/">https://www.panthertaxis.co.uk/</a>

A1 Cabcom Taxis 01223 313131 – 525555 <u>http://www.a1cabco.co.uk/</u>
Camcab Taxis: 01223 704704 <u>http://www.camcab.co.uk/</u>





## Venue:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Day Workshop of the nanoMECommons Project is taking place at the:

Bamford and Skillicorn Room Homerton College Hills Road Cambridge CB2 8PH



**Homerton College** is the biggest and newest College of the University of Cambridge, and home to a talented and diverse community of over 1300 students and 60 Fellows. The College was founded in London in 1768. Until 2001, Homerton was a specialist teacher-training college, but they received their Royal Charter as a full College of the University of Cambridge in 2010, and now span all subjects from Art History to Zoology.

Homerton College is based in south Cambridge, just outside the city centre and close to the biomedical campus. There are acres of green space, modern facilities and a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere.





## How to reach the college







## By Public Transport - Train/Bus/Walking

The citi 1 bus stops outside Homerton and departs every 10 minutes from the station. There are plenty of taxis outside the main entrance to the station.

#### To walk to Homerton:

- On exiting the station turn left onto Station Place and walk for a few minutes before turning right on to Brookgate. Turn left by the Co-op on to Hills Road and walk over the railway bridge, continue walking along Hills Road and cross over Cherry Hinton Road at the lights.
- ➤ Homerton College is on the right-hand side past Hills Road Sixth Form College, behind the black railings. Follow the signs to the event. If you have accommodation booked at Homerton, please report to the Porters' Lodge to check-in.

#### By Car

There is a large car park at the rear of Homerton College which is free of charge for conference delegates. This is located at the end of Harrison Drive. Follow the road all the way round the back of Harrison House. Space is not guaranteed and is available on a first come first served basis.

Parking at **Homerton is free**, but **an entrance code is required** to access. If you need to use this facility, please inform the organisers (info@nanomecommons.eu) when registering or prior to the event.







### List of Hotels in Cambridge

We have selected a handful of hotels for your guidance only. there are however many others hotels/B&B the city offers where you could choose using any hotel booking search engine, as there are plenty more in the city center.

**University Colleges** also offer good selection of bed and breakfast accommodation, mostly located centrally. Some offer accommodation through the whole year, others only during the summer months. If this is of your interest, you could find out more at the following link, or directly through the college of your choice: <a href="http://www.universityrooms.com/en/city/cambridge/home">http://www.universityrooms.com/en/city/cambridge/home</a>

# Clayton Hotel - 4\*





The Clayton Hotel Cambridge, is located near the beautiful Botanic Gardens and just a short 10 minutes' walk from Cambridge city centre. The hotel has 155 bedrooms individually designed with sumptuous King Koil beds, dark wooden headboards, colourful patterned soft furnishings and marble bathrooms.

### Booking available at:

**Clayton Hotel** 

#### Contact details:

Clayton 27-29 Station Road, Cambridge, kCB1 2FB, UK Tel: +44 1223792888

Email: info.cambridge@claytonhotels.com

## Hilton Cambridge City Centre- 4\*





Hilton Cambridge City Centre (formerly known as Cambridge City Hotel) enjoys a prime location in the heart of the City Centre. Located within walking distance from Kings College and Downing College as well as easy access to Cambridge Business Park. High Speed Internet access and WiFi is offered in all bedrooms, meeting rooms and hotel's lounge. The Fitness Room offers Cardiovascular and muscle toning equipment with a sauna and solarium also available. Nearby is The Grand Arcade, an exciting new city centre retail development that brings a 21st Century Shopping experience to Cambridge. Onsite Car Parking available at a charge.





#### Booking available at:

**Hilton Cambridge City Centre** 

#### Contact details:

Hilton Cambridge City Centre 20 Downing Street Cambridge CB2 3DT Telephone: 44-1223-464491

Fax: +44-1223-464440 Email: stnhc\_hotel@hilton.com

# Graduate Cambridge Hotel - 4 \*





Nestled along the banks of The River Cam and in the heart of city centre, this idyllic retreat is perfect for history lovers, locals and city-dwellers seeking a much-needed getaway.

#### Booking available at:

**The Graduate Cambridge Hotel** 

#### Contact details:

The Graduate Cambridge Hotel Granta Place, Mill Lane Cambridge CB2 1RT United Kingdom

Tel: +44 1223 259988

# University Arms, Autograph Collection – 4\*





University Arms, Cambridge, re-created in 2018 by architect John Simpson and interior designer Martin Brudnizki, offers 192 rooms and suites, with views over Parker's Piece, historic Regent Street, and the hotel's inner courtyard. The style reflects classic Edwardian interiors with bespoke, leather-padded writing desks, low ottomans and rooms full of natural light. The result is ambitious, beautiful, and full of life. Occupying ground floor of University Arms, Cambridge, Parker's Tavern is a quintessentially English brasserie. Chef Director Tristan Welch has designed every dish to be a whimsical re-imagining of a British classic, sourced from field, fen and seas. This is where you will find plates piled high with





Norfolk fruits de mer, or in winter, suckling pig with wild mushrooms, and Tristan's signature pie of the day. You can taste England on every plate.
University Arms, Autograph Collection

### Booking available at:

**University Arms, Autograph Collection** 

#### Contact details:

University Arms, Autograph Collection Regent Street, Cambridge CB2 1AD United Kingdom

Tel: +44 1223 606066

### Hotel du Vin & Bistro – 4\*





In a Grade II Listed building, Hotel du Vin Cambridge has luxurious boutique rooms with monsoon showers and Egyptian linen. Cambridge city centre is a 5-minute walk away (Downing College approximately 10 min walk away). The French bistro at Hotel Du Vin serves a modern menu of European cuisine and houses an open-plan style kitchen. Set in cosy cellar rooms, the bar at Hotel Du Vin & Bistro serves a range of fine wines, champagne and cocktails. Wired internet is available in the hotel rooms and is free of charge. Private parking is possible at a location nearby (reservation is needed) and costs £16 per day.

## Booking available at:

Hotel du Vin & Bistro Cambridge

#### Contact details:

Hotel du Vin & Bistro Cambridge, 15-19 Trumpington Street Cambridge CB2 1QA

Telephone: ++44 (0) 1223 227 330 Email: info.cambridge@hotelduvin.com





## The Varsity Hotel – 4\*





Situated in the centre of Cambridge, near the edge of the picturesque River Cam, The Varsity Hotel and Spa offers individual modern rooms, and impressive rooftop views. Each room is named after a different Cambridge college, and features an LCD TV, DVD library, free Wi-Fi, and an iPod dock. Most rooms offer monsoon showers and under-floor heating. Some rooms have balconies and views of the college rooftops. The Varsity offers guests access to the Glassworks Gym and Spa, with hot tub, steam room, sauna and exercise classes. The hotel is just a few minutes' walk from Kings College Chapel, Trinity College, The Grand Arcade shopping centre is 10-min walk away. No parking available.

## Booking available at:

The Varsity Hotel & Spa

### Contact details:

The Varsity Hotel & Spa Thompson's Lane (off Bridge street) Cambridge CB5 8AQ Tel: +44 (0)1223 30 60 30

Fax: +44 (0)1223 30 50 70 Email: info@thevarsityhotel.co.uk

## The Gonville Hotel – 4\*





Overlooking Parker's Piece, Best Western Gonville Hotel is a 5-minute walk from Downing College and the historic centre of Cambridge. Refurbished to a high standard, the hotel offers a traditional restaurant and rooms with free Wi-Fi. The spacious bedrooms each have a flat-screen TV and air conditioning. Guests can enjoy fresh British cuisine and locally sourced produce in the elegant Chancellors Restaurant. The Atrium Brasserie offers afternoon teas, hearty breakfasts and light lunches. Gonville Hotel is a 15-min walk from Cambridge Rail Station and 10-min walk away from The Grand Arcade shopping centre. The hotel offers limited car parking space for an additional fee.

#### Booking available at:

**The Gonville Hotel** 

#### Contact details:

The Gonville Hotel





Gonville Place, Cambridge CB1 1LY Tel: +44 (0) 1223 366611

Email: info@gonvillehotel.co.uk

## The Regent-3\*





The Regent is a fine Georgian Grade II listed building. In 1871 it was the original home of the first five Newnham College Students. It was privately run Hotel owned by the same family since 1950. In June 2021, The Citystay Group took on the property, and closed for renovation in December 2021. We saw a gap in central Cambridge accommodation. There's no truly flexible option with a hotel element that's suitable for whatever visit. With our experience in serviced accommodation, we wanted to bring that to the city centre, and The Regent was the perfect fit.

The Regent offers everything you'll need for the perfect stay in this beautiful and historic city, whether you're visiting for business or pleasure. Centrally located this Cambridge Accommodation is an easy stroll to all the city's attractions, and overlooks the famous Parkers Piece.

#### Booking available at:

**Regent Hotel** 

#### Contact details:

Regent Hotel 41 Regent Street Cambridge CB2 1AB Tel: +44 (0)1223 351470

Email: reception@theregentcambridge.com

# Ibis Cambridge Central Station Hotel- 3\*





The ibis Cambridge Central Station has a 24-hour front desk that offers express check-in and check-out. The on-site coffee shop, Chill#2, serves hot and chilled snacks and pizzas, as well as coffee and pastries.





All rooms at the property feature single or double beds with the signature Sweetbed by ibis mattress. Additional amenities include Freeview TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a work desk. Guests will find en-suite facilities in each room, with a shower and a hairdryer.

### Booking available at:

ibis Cambridge Central Station

#### Contact details:

Ibis Cambridge Central Station 2 Station Square CB12GA CAMBRIDGE UNITED KINGDOM

Tel: (+44)1223 320960 Email: <u>h8548@accor.com</u>

# Travel Lodge Cambridge Central – 3\*





The Travel Lodge is located at Cambridge Leisure Park, a short walk from city centre, or to the sightseeing bus stop which is opposite the train station. Plenty of parking. Excellent facilities, several restaurants, cinema, bowling, supermarkets, coffee shops.

#### Booking available at:

### **Travel Lodge Cambridge Central**

### **Contact Details:**

Travel Lodge Cambridge Leisure Park Clifton Way, Cambridge CB1 7DY

# Centennial Hotel- 3\*









Recently extended, The Centennial offers a pleasing combination of home comforts and conference facilities. Accommodating business travellers and tourists visiting alike, The Centennial meets the needs of all staying in Cambridge. Located close to the Railway Station, 10-15 minute walk from the City Center and on major bus routes.

# Booking available at:

**Centennial Hotel** 

Contact details: Centennial Hotel, 63-71 Hills Road, CB2 1PG Cambridge

Telephone: 01223 314652

Email: reception@centennialhotel.co.uk