



TNE Symposium 2025

Enhancing the Student Experience

Date: Thursday 19 – Friday 20 June 2025

Location: DMU Leicester Campus (UK)

DMU Leicester | Campus Centre | Conference Rooms Level 2 |

Leicester | Leicestershire | LE1 9BH

Welcome to the 2025 TNE Symposium

It is our great pleasure to host the 2025 Symposium and bring together partners from different parts of the world to interact over two days of TNE related activities. The overarching theme of the event is Enhancing the Student Experience, and we have a number of sessions led by DMU colleagues, TNE partners, and external speakers.

Throughout the event, we will explore a variety of areas including DMU's Transnational Education Journey 2025, and our commitment to generating global research and learning opportunities for students and staff.

We look forward to welcoming you to our DMU Leicester Campus in the UK, and if you have any questions or require further support, please contact the Global Partnerships Unit (gpu@dmu.ac.uk).

Best Wishes,

Dr Neil Hart

Associate Director of Transnational Education DMU
– Global Partnerships Unit





Our Campus

The DMU Leicester Campus is located in the heart of Leicester, offering students and staff the best of both worlds – a compact, accessible and safe space to study and work with convenient access to accommodation, shopping, nightlife and all that the Leicester city centre has to offer.

The centrepiece of campus is the award-winning Vijay Patel Building, which houses our art

and design courses in a space as creative as the staff and students who teach and study there. Our Hugh Aston Building – home to business and law called The Yard.

Inside our magnificent 19th century Hawthorn Building you'll find modern facilities designed to replicate current practice in health and life sciences, while the Queen's Building boasts industry-level video, audio

and radio production suites to support our media students.

The refurbishment of the picturesque Leicester Castle provides our business students with a mixture of historic and modern learning environments.

Useful information

WIFI ACCESS ON CAMPUS

WiFi Network: DMU-Guest

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Make sure your wireless adapter is set to dynamically obtain an IP address
- 2 Connect to the wireless network: **DMU-Guest**
- 3 Enter credentials:
- 4 – **Username: tne2025**
- 5 – **Password: fpp3ksek**
- 6 Account expires: **Sunday, June 22, 2025 23:59**

Campus Map

- 1 Art Factory** (DMU International College)
- 2 Bede Hall** (hall of residence)
- 3 Bede House**
- 4 Campus Centre Building**
- 5 Castle Court** (private hall of residence)
- 6 Castle Street** (private hall of residence)
- 7 Chantry Building**
- 8 Clephan Building and Courtyard Studios** (Arts, Design and Humanities; Computing, Engineering and Media)
- 9 DMU Museum** (based within Hawthorn Building)
- 10 Edith Murphy House** (Health and Life Sciences)
- 11 Eric Wood Building and Learning Zone**
- 12 Estates Development Building**
- 13 Estates Services Building, including Security Office**
- 14 Food Village**
- 15 Forensic Science Facility**
- 16 Gateway House** (Computing, Engineering and Media, Student Gateway)
- 17 Hawthorn Building** (Health and Life Sciences)
- 18 Heritage House** (Health and Life Sciences)
- 19 Hugh Aston Building** (Business and Law)
- 20 Innovation Centre**
- 21 John Whitehead Building**
- 22 Kimberlin Library**
- 23 Leicester Castle Business School**
- 24 Leicester Media School - Bede Island** (Computing, Engineering and Media)
- 25 Liberty Park** (private hall of residence)
- 26 Main campus car park - Staff & Visitors**
- 27 Merlin Heights** (private halls of residence)
- 28 Mill Studios** (Computing, Engineering and Media and Health & Life Sciences)
- 29 Newarke Point** (private hall of residence)
- 30 Newarke Street** (private hall of residence)
- 31 New Wharf Hall** (hall of residence)
- 32 PACE Building** (Performance Arts Centre for Excellence, Arts, Design and Humanities)
- 33 Portland Building** (Art, Design & Humanities)
- 34 Queen's Building** (Computing, Engineering and Media)
- 35 Rose House** (private hall of residence)
- 36 Stephen Lawrence Research Centre**
- 37 The Gallery**
- 38 The Glassworks** (private hall of residence)
- 39 The Grange** (private hall of residence)
- 40 The Greenhouse**
- 41 The Philip Tasker Building** (DMU International College)
- 42 The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre**
- 43 The Venue@DMU**
- 44 The Watershed**
- 45 The Yard** (Business & Law)
- 46 Trinity House**
- 47 Vijay Patel Building** (Arts, Design and Humanities, The Confucius Institute, The Centre for English Language Learning and The Gallery) and Riverside Cafe
- 48 Waterway Gardens** (hall of residence)
- M The Magazine Gateway**
- Pedestrianised area**
- Catering Outlets**



DMU Global Partnerships Unit 3rd TNE

Day 1	Location Leicester Campus Campus Centre Room CC2.01	
Time	Session	Notes
9.30 – 10.00	0	Arrival / Registration
10.00 – 10.30	1	Opening Remarks to the 2025 TNE Symposium, TNE Strategic Update, Global Partnerships Unit (GPU) Update Pro Vice-Chancellor International, Simon Bradbury, will present an overview of the DMU TNE journey over the past several years. It will examine the growth that we have experienced and explore the future for TNE at DMU.
10:30 – 11.00	2	TNE Partner Session 1 - Celebrating 30 Years with Niels Brock DMU has been working in partnership with Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College since 1994. Charlotte Forsberg, Executive Vice President at Niels Brock, has been involved from the outset and will tell us about some of the highs and lows of the past 30 years and how a sustainable partnership is built on a high-quality student experience.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	3	Student Experiences - TNE Progression Students (Panel Discussion) We have invited along a group of students who have transferred from a number of our TNE partners to Leicester to complete their studies. The students will explain to us about the transition they have made and we will have the opportunity to talk to them about their journeys and how we can all work together to enhance experiences. Gordon Boyes, Head of Progression and Pathways, will help to set the scene for the conversation.
12:45 – 13:00	Rob Kitt, Associate Director of Portfolio and Market Insight, will provide an update on our own University Student Survey (USS) outcomes. 13:00 - Networking Lunch	
13:30 – 14:00	4	External Speaker 1 - UK Quality Assurance Agency Piers Wall who is the Head of International Quality Assurance and Enhancement for the QAA will talk to us about the work he undertakes in relation to quality enhancement in transnational education.

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14.00 – 14:30	5	TNE Partner Session 2 - Asia Pacific University In March 2024 Asia Pacific University undertook a QAA International Quality Review and their Vice Chancellor, Professor Ho Chin Kuan, will explain how this process has helped them to provide an enhanced student experience.
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 15:30	6	TNE Partner Session 3 - DMU Dubai The Head of our Dubai Campus, Professor Mike Gallimore, will present the latest developments and provide some insights into how the new campus offers an enhanced student experience through state-of-the-art facilities and an enhanced location.
15.45 – 16:00 Close	7	Plenary session We will take a moment to reflect on the discussions that have taken place during the day and think about how we might feedback some of the key issues raised to further enhance the experiences of our TNE activities.
Evening BBQ		
17.00 – 19:00		Location: Trinity House Chapel and Gardens It is our pleasure to invite all partner delegates to an evening event to be hosted in our beautiful Trinity House Chapel. There will be food and entertainment and we are hoping the weather stays fine so that we can also enjoy the delightful gardens.

Programme

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9.30 – 10.00	0	Arrival and Coffee
10.00 – 10.15	1	International Student Barometer Chris McCafferty, Head of International Operations, will provide us with a summary of the outcomes of the latest International Student Barometer Survey.
10:15 – 10:30	2	The Global Partnerships Unit ideas for the enhancement of TNE Duncan Hepworth and Paul Overton, Partnership Development Managers from GPU, present a series of thought-provoking questions to join the dots and inspire reflection and discussion.
10:30 – 10:45	3	Enhancement of TNE in the Faculty of Business & Law The Interim Dean of our Business and Law faculty will explain the work that has been recently undertaken in the Faculty to enhance the TNE student experience.
10:45 – 11:15	4	External Speaker 2 - JISC Global Education and Technology: Digital challenges associated with the effective delivery of transnational education. In this session, Elizabeth Newall - Senior Sector Specialist will explain how digital, data and technologies facilitate much of the transnational education experience for students, as well as the teaching and professional services staff who support them. Through the research JISC is currently conducting with 21 UK HE institutions and their TNE partners - including DMU - she will outline known digital challenges and explain why we can no longer expect to understand the experiences of host country students or staff without considering the digital lens through which they perceive these experiences. Background plus publications to date can be found here: Researching international students' digital experience - Jisc
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break	

11.45 – 12.30	5	SDGs at DMU De Montfort University is one of only 17 global academic hubs across the world – and the only one in the United Kingdom. DMU is the lead university for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities and was appointed in 2025 for a three-year term. Professor Simon Oldroyd is responsible for the university's activity and strategy related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
12.30 – 13.30	Networking Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	6	Historical Tour of DMU Campus (Optional) You are welcome to join this informative and entertaining tour of our beautiful campus to hear about the long history of the university.
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break	
14:45 – 15:45	7	DMU Marketing Strategies Our Marketing & Communications team will provide an update on the latest strategies being used by the university and how they might be used by partners to promote recruitment onto our TNE programmes. They will be joined by a representative from the postgraduate recruitment experts: Find A University.
15:45 – 16:00	8	The Faculty of Technology, Arts & Culture Professor Shushma Patel, Dean of the newly created Faculty of Technology, Arts and Culture, will talk to us about this exciting new development for the university and her role as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Artificial Intelligence.
16:00 – 16:15	9	Closing Remarks Finally, we close with some reflections on the two days and think about the work we can do together in the coming year to continue to enhance the quality of our collaborative provision for the good of our students.
16:15 – 18:00	10	The Leicester Student Experience: Fashion Degree Show We have arranged a guided tour of our degree show which will provide an opportunity to see some of the tremendous work that our students in Leicester have created with the guidance and support of our tremendous academic team.
18.00 – 20.00	Informal Gathering	
		Location: Georgian Rooms We will end our TNE Symposium 2025 with a gathering in our historic Georgian Rooms.



Local Transport

Leicester is situated in the heart of England and is a great location if you're planning to do some sightseeing in the UK.

Traveline can help you travel locally or plan long distance journeys in the UK whether by bus or by train.

<https://www.traveline.info>

UBER/TAXI

There are many taxi services available in Leicester city centre. ADT offer a tailored service for Leicester students, with fixed fares from 6pm – 6am. You can find their office on Braunstone Gate (towards

the QEII Leisure Centre) or call them on 0116 255 5222

Uber is an app which can be used to book taxi's and there are plenty of Uber drivers available within Leicester City Centre.

BUS/COACH

There is a local bus station in Leicester called St Margaret's Bus station, located at Gravel St, Leicester LE1 3AG . Here you can catch a bus to most places within Leicester and Leicestershire. We recommend using the Traveline website to help plan your route.

If you would like to travel outside of Leicester, travelling by coach is usually much cheaper than the train, although you will find that journeys take longer. National Express operates a national coach service and has an enquiry and booking office at Leicester's bus station <https://www.nationalexpress.com>. Again, you can use the Traveline website to help plan your journey.

TRAIN

Leicester railway station is less than a mile from campus. Rail is usually one of the fastest ways to travel

around the UK. Leicester is 99 miles (159km) from London and just over an hour by train. It is usually cheaper to travel outside peak times or at weekends.

We recommend booking your train tickets in advance through the Trainline website <https://www.thetrainline.com>



Leicester Museums & Historic House

ABBEY PUMPING STATION

Abbey Pumping Station is Leicester's Museum of Science and Technology, displaying the city's industrial, technological and scientific heritage. The museum houses exhibitions on light and optics, historic transport and public health.

<https://www.abbeypumpingstation.org>

BELGRAVE HALL & GARDENS

Belgrave Hall provides an oasis of peace and quiet in a busy city. The historic house is in the midst of two acres of serene walled gardens that are open to the public during special events.

<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/belgrave-hall>

THE GUILDHALL

Leicester is very privileged in having one of the best preserved timber framed halls in the country, dating back 600 years. The Guildhall hosts a regular events programme including comedy, music, theatre and seasonal children's events.

<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/leicester-guildhall>

JEWRY WALL

Discover the archaeology of Leicester's past and find out about the people of Leicester from prehistoric times to the medieval

period. Complementing our Roman archaeology collections, there are fascinating artefacts from other eras. From ancient stone tools to striking medieval decorated tiles from Leicester Abbey, there's something to interest the whole family.

<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/jewry-wall>

MUSEUMS & ART GALLERY

Leicester City Museums offer a rich resource for every interest; the collections cover a large number of objects and artefacts across a wide range of subjects and disciplines. From the internationally famous

Charnia fossil to rare Victorian beam steam engines, the five museums across the city offer something for everyone.

Attenborough Arts Centre is University of Leicester's multi-use inclusive arts centre, with a programme of fine art and craft exhibitions and an active events programme. The centre has also now opened an exciting new gallery space to showcase the best in contemporary visual art and sculpture.

<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/leicester-museum-art-gallery>



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