

# COMPUTING INSIGHT UK 2026

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2 – 4 DECEMBER 2026  
Manchester Central, UK  
[www.ukri.org/CIUK](http://www.ukri.org/CIUK)

## **Computing Insight UK 2026 EXHIBITORS' MANUAL**

The following document contains information that will help you plan your attendance at the event including details about the venue, arrangements for delivery and collection of exhibition material and opening hours.

### **REGISTERING FOR CIUK 2026**

There are now 2 components to registering your company for the CIUK 2026 Exhibition.

**Step 1** – register your company [here](#).

Select CIUK 2026 Exhibitor as your registration type and you will be directed to the exhibitor registration path.

Register your company as normal. Exhibition staff can be registered in step 2.

**Step 2** – register your exhibition staff [here](#).

Select CIUK 2026 Delegate as your registration type and you will be directed to the delegate registration path.

Select the registration type 'Exhibition Staff' when prompted.

You should have received a discount code for the free entry of 3 of your staff in your company registration confirmation email. Redeem the discount by entering the code on the payment page.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday 3 and Friday 4 December** – Computing Insight UK 2026

The conference will be open from 8am on both days and will close at 4pm on Friday 4 December. The exhibition will close on Friday 4 December at 2pm (more details below).

### **SET UP INFORMATION**

**Wednesday 2 December** – Exhibition set-up day.

Access to Exchange Hall is available between 8am and 5pm.

**Please note that ALL exhibits MUST be set-up by 5pm on Wednesday 2 December with NO exceptions. This is a health and safety requirement of the venue. No construction of stands can be done on Thursday morning during the conference when delegates are in the hall.**

### **DELIVERIES**

Manchester Central are **unable** to store any items before our tenancy starts. Therefore, **material should be delivered no earlier than Wednesday 2 December.**

If you are planning to send exhibition material directly to the venue by courier, please use this address:

Computing Insight UK 2026

**COMPANY NAME / CONTACT NAME**

Manchester Central

Petersfield  
Manchester M2 3GX

The exhibition hall will be locked overnight, and security guards are in attendance during the day.

**Deliveries can be unloaded directly in front of the building, following the images below. Drivers should take Windmill Street and use the ramp in the image below to drive directly to the double doors.**

**1 EXCHANGE HALL  
WINDMILL STREET,  
M2 3GX**



Approaching from Windmill Street

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Your first point of contact should always be by emailing – [CIUK@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk). This will ensure a prompt response to any enquiries. **Your contact for any exhibition related questions is Georgia Lomas.** In exceptional circumstances you may call Georgia on 01925 603225.

Before contacting CIUK please check that the information you require is not included on the [exhibitors' online registration](#) page or the [event web page](#). The registration page includes a number of downloadable documents that may answer your questions, as does the exhibition section on the conference website.



During the event you may speak to any of the organising team at the registration / information desk which will be located in the foyer outside the Exchange Hall. Look for the yellow shirts!



## **THE VENUE**

**[Exchange Hall and Exchange Auditorium](#)**  
**[Manchester Central](#)**

**Petersfield  
Manchester  
M2 3GX**

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

CIUK will provide one table, two chairs and a standard power socket for each exhibition stand. The tables will be covered with a plain black tablecloth. Each stand space is approximately 2m x 2m. If you have any questions on the stand set up, please contact [CIUK@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk)

## **EQUIPMENT HIRE:**

Equipment like monitors, laptops etc can be rented from Manchester Central's AV supplier – [Sterling Event Group Ltd](#). Please complete the [attached form](#) and contact Nikki Urquhart on 0161 436 4444 Ext: 220 or [by email](#).

## **COLLECTION OF EXHIBITION MATERIAL**

**Exhibition stands MUST NOT be dismantled until after 2pm on Friday 4 December. This is a health and safety requirement of the venue. No construction or dismantling work can be carried out on stands when delegates are in the hall. As a result of feedback from exhibitors, we have amended the programme for the conference to show that the exhibition will close at 2pm on Friday 4 December. At that point a curtain will be drawn across the exhibition area and delegates will be denied entry, allowing exhibitors the opportunity to dismantle and pack up their stands safely.**

All exhibition materials should be removed from the venue on Friday 4 December where possible. If collection needs to be arranged for a different day, please speak to our team at the registration desk to ensure that all paperwork is completed correctly, and that the venue is aware that they need to store your material for collection.

## **MEETING ROOMS**

Private meeting rooms can be booked directly through Manchester Central, subject to availability. Please contact [CIUK@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk) for booking information and pricing.

## **CAR PARKS**



There is a 24-hour NCP car park directly below Manchester Central. It has 643 spaces including 15 disabled parking bays and three electric vehicle charging points. There is direct access to Manchester Central by lift, stairs and escalator.

**Manchester Central NCP  
Lower Mosley Street  
Manchester  
M2 3GX**

Manchester Central NCP is our closest car park and we've negotiated a discounted rate for exhibitors. Please contact [CIUK@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk) for details and your very own discount code.

Please note that Manchester Central NCP has a 1.98m height limit.

Please note that Manchester Central cannot provide car parking on its immediate premises.

### **WI-FI**

A free Manchester Central wi-fi network will be available during the event in all areas of the conference. Details of how to log-on will be displayed on the registration / information desk.

### **CHECKLIST**

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| ✓ | Registered to exhibit                                                                                          |
|   | Paid registration fees ( <i>If NO please email <a href="mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk">CIUK@stfc.ac.uk</a> ASAP</i> ) |
|   | Registered team members                                                                                        |
|   | Arranged accommodation                                                                                         |
|   | Arranged delivery of exhibition material for Wednesday 2 December                                              |
|   | Arranged collection of exhibition material for after 2pm on Friday 4 December                                  |

We look forward to meeting you in Manchester in December and hope that you enjoy a successful event.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [CIUK@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:CIUK@stfc.ac.uk).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'gthomas', with a large, sweeping loop at the bottom.

**Georgia Lomas**  
***CIUK Lead Organiser***