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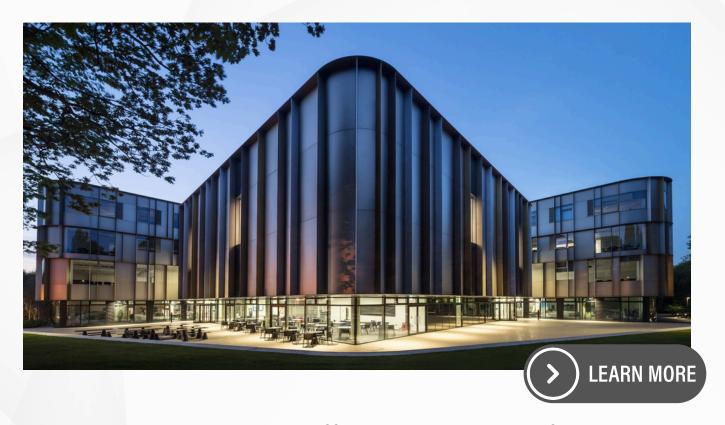
The University of Kent offers more than 150 flexible conference and event spaces, complete with on-site catering and accommodation, making it ideal for a wide range of events.

Sandra Heyworth
Sales Manager



Hi Sandra, give us an overview of what the University of Kent has to offer

Set in over 300 acres of beautiful green parkland overlooking the historic city of Canterbury, the <u>University of Kent</u> provides the perfect setting for both indoor and outdoor events.



Our Canterbury campus offers more than 150 flexible conference and event spaces, complete with on-site catering and accommodation, making it ideal for a wide range of events.

From our year-round venue, the Darwin Conference Suite, which accommodates up to 300 delegates, to the Kent Indoor Tennis and Events Arena, a versatile open-plan space capable of hosting up to 4,000 delegates, we offer facilities to suit a wide range of events, with accommodation available for up to 4,000 guests.



Tell us a bit about your role and how your team look after your clients so well

My role as Sales Manager involves working closely with our conferences and events team to promote the excellent meeting and event facilities we offer at Kent.



We work with a wide range of conference, event, and group clients across the UK and around the world to deliver exceptional event experiences.

Tell us about why you are such a good option for event planners & clients to consider?

Our Conferences and Events team has over 30 years of experience delivering exceptional events for our clients. We offer comprehensive event management services, supporting clients with every aspect of their event, from the initial planning stages to on-the-day delivery.

What's new? Anything exciting to tell us about?

We have recently achieved a Silver Green Meetings Award, recognising our commitment to sustainability and our efforts to deliver environmentally responsible conferences and events.





Overseen by Green Tourism, the silver certification has been awarded to our Events Team and the Darwin Conference Suite in recognition of our work to enhance the University of Kent's sustainability standards.

You can find out more about the University of Kent here:











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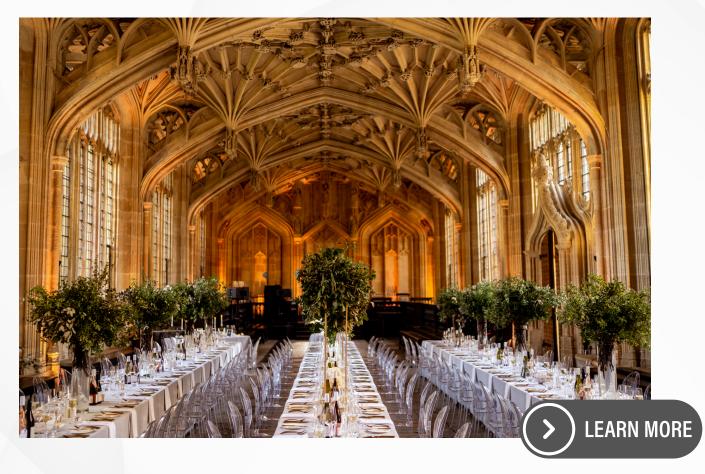
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Ruth Chapman Events Coordinator



Hi Ruth, give us an overview of what the Bodleian has to offer

<u>The Bodleian</u> is a highly versatile venue, which means we offer spaces for drinks receptions, dinners, lectures, celebrations, conferences and weddings.



Throughout the year we organise a range of different events, such as carol services or corporate summer parties, but we continuously deliver dinners and evening receptions that leave guests feeling inspired.

Tell us a bit about your role and how your team look after your clients so well

The Events Team provides logistical and operational support for clients leading up to and on the day of the event.



As a dry-hire venue, part of this is providing guidance on suppliers to guarantee our clients have an unmatched experience with Oxford's fantastic local vendors.

We also strive to build strong relationships with our clients, which ensures they trust us to deliver events that their guests will enjoy again and again.



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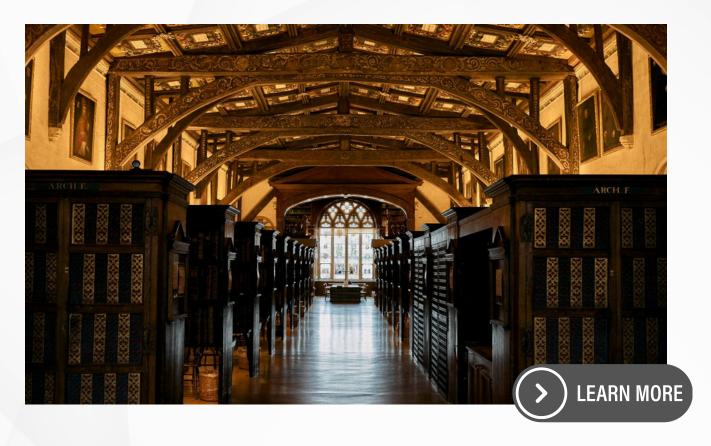
The Divinity School's magnificent vaulted ceiling contains over four hundred bosses and awes guests with its amazing details.

In addition, we offer guests the opportunity to take a private tour of the Duke Humfrey's Library, which invites guests to enjoy its royal history and knowledge, as well as its cinematic significance as an iconic filming location.



What's new? Anything exciting to tell us about?

Throughout the year, the Bodleian Libraries offer fantastic opportunities to learn and engage with the history of the beautiful library, but we are pleased to share that we are offering Gin and Tours evenings.



These are five-star-rated tours of the breath-taking Duke Humfrey Library accompanied by a tasting session of the Bodleian's bespoke gin, created by the Sky Wave Distillery, and a romp through the history of gin.

You can find out more about the Bodleian Libraries here:







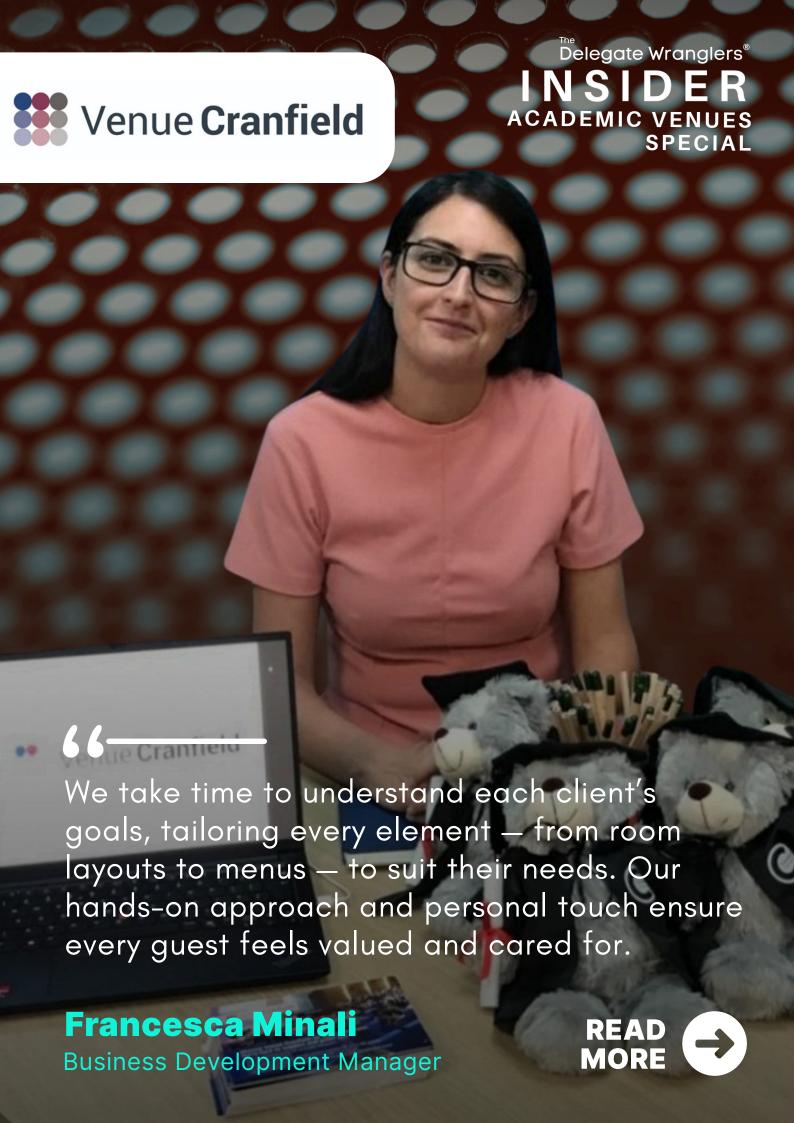






Bodleian Library Events





Hi Francesca, give us an overview of what Venue Cranfield has to offer

<u>Venue Cranfield</u> offers versatile spaces for conferences, meetings, training courses, and celebrations. We specialise in providing tailored event solutions with exceptional hospitality, flexible catering, and on-site accommodation across our two hotels, Mitchell Hall and CMDC.



From corporate away days and university programmes to weddings and social occasions, our dedicated team ensures every detail runs smoothly. With over 300 bedrooms, modern AV facilities, and outstanding service, Venue Cranfield delivers seamless experiences for every occasion



Tell us a bit about your role and how your team look after your clients so well

As a Business Development Manager, I work closely with clients from the first enquiry through to the final farewell, ensuring every event runs seamlessly.



















My team and I pride ourselves on attention to detail, clear communication, and a genuine passion for hospitality. We take time to understand each client's goals, tailoring every element — from room layouts to menus — to suit their needs. Our hands-on approach and personal touch ensure every guest feels valued and cared for.

Tell us about why you are such a good option for event planners & clients to consider?

Venue Cranfield is trusted by event planners and clients alike for our professionalism, flexibility, and warm, personal service.

Our unique combination of modern facilities, peaceful surroundings, and on-site accommodation makes us ideal for conferences, training courses, and celebrations of all kinds.



Clients value our experienced team who go above and beyond to make every event seamless, from planning to delivery.

With 300 bedrooms, adaptable spaces, excellent catering, and a can-do attitude, we make hosting effortless — which is why so many return year after year.

What's new? Anything exciting to tell us about?

We're thrilled to be entering an exciting new chapter at Venue Cranfield! From refreshed meeting spaces and upgraded AV facilities to enhanced dining options across our venues, every detail has been designed with our guests in mind.



Our dedicated team continues to deliver exceptional hospitality across corporate, training, and social events – now with even more flexibility and bespoke packages.



Whether you're planning a conference, wedding, or private celebration, Venue Cranfield offers modern facilities, onsite accommodation, and a warm, personal touch that keeps clients returning year after year.

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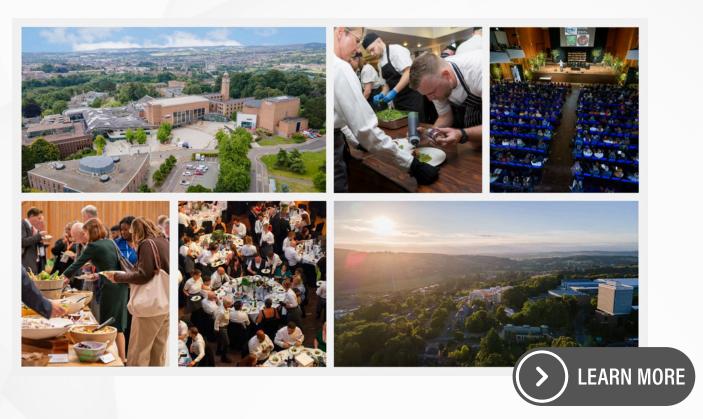
We specialise in bringing the customer vision to life. We listen to our clients, think outside of the box and add creativity at every turn, tailoring to individual needs. We pride ourselves on delivering above and beyond.

Kyran Le ChevalierEvent Sales Manager



Hi Kyran, give us an overview of what Event Exeter / University of Exeter has to offer

<u>Event Exeter</u> represents the portfolio of venues at the University of Exeter – a unique collection of spaces both indoor and outdoor, ranging from historic houses to state-of-the-art lecture theatres. But we are so much more than that.



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Tell us a bit about your role and how your team look after your clients so well

As Event Sales Manager my primary goal is to fill those rooms. But of course, my role extends way beyond this.



Enabling a smooth journey for all clients is the key to our success and I work closely with both the Sales and Delivery teams to ensure a smooth transition from vision to delivery.

We treat every client and every event as a new opportunity - a chance to exceed expectations once again.



Tell us about why you are such a good option for event planners & clients to consider?

First and foremost, our stunning green campus has everything you need. A diverse range of venues, award-winning chefs, 2,000+ bedrooms, a pub, a club, and even an outdoor pool. It's a mini city made for events. What more could you ask for.

We happen to be situated in one of the most beautiful counties in England. Just a stone's throw from two stunning coastlines and wild moorland, our location turns delegate programmes into memorable experiences.

But what really brings people back? Our fantastic team coupled with seamless service and delivery. Clients trust us to get it right every time.



What's new? Anything exciting to tell us about?

We've recently refreshed our brand identity and vision, to both reflect our commitment to event excellence and to the University of Exeter's 2030 strategy which aims to create a greener, healthier and fairer future.



Our primary focus is to be the academic venue of choice, where people and customers are valued above all, excellence and sustainability drive our actions, and every approach is tailored to meet the specific needs of our clients.

You can find out more about University of Exeter / Event Exeter here:

















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