



Conference Booking Form

The British Association of Friends of Museums' 53rd Conference and AGM 2026, in partnership with the Friends of Southampton's Museums, Archives and Galleries

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October 2026

Conference theme: Partnership Working

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Southampton, a historic maritime city, gateway to the world and home to a public art gallery of pre-eminent national significance

Friday 2nd October

2.00 – 4.00 pm: Delegates may collect their conference packs from the City Art Gallery foyer in the Civic Centre north block

7.00 pm: A historic tour of God's House Tower (a 15th century artillery fort, now an art gallery managed by aspace), and a tour of the current exhibition *Lady Kitt* followed by a wine reception at a cost of £15 per head.

Saturday 3rd October

10.00 am – 5.30 pm: Conference and AGM held at the City Art Gallery lecture theatre, Civic Centre north block

6.30 pm: Drinks reception and three-course dinner at The Novotel Hotel. The after-dinner speaker will be art historian Dr Anne Anderson

Sunday 4th October

10.00 am: A guided tour of historic Southampton with Blue Badge guide and dowsing archaeologist Don Bryan at a cost of £8 per person

Other attractions include SeaCity Museum, Tudor House, John Hansard Gallery, Solent Skies Museum and Gods House Tower as well as the City Art Gallery

Accommodation: The Novotel Hotel, 1 West Quay Road SO15 1RA, 02381 072800, is offering a special rate to conference delegates for bed and breakfast. Other hotels include The Ibis Hotel, The Leonardo Hotel, Travelodge, Premier Inn

All hotels include parking some of which require payment. Other multi-storey car parks and on-street parking are close to the Civic Centre conference venue



Booking Form: 53rd BAFM Conference & AGM, Southampton 2nd-4th October 2026

Delegates' details, please print:

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Email.....Telephone no.....

Name of your Friends' organisation.....

If applicable, are you the voting member for your Friends' group? Yes/No

Partner's or companion's details if applicable. Name.....

Contact details.....

Do you or your partner/companion have special access requirements? Yes/No

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Do you or your partner/companion have any dietary requirements of food allergies? Yes/No

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BAFM Conference Programme: Partnership Working, Saturday 3rd October 2026

9.30 am Conference Registration with tea/coffee

10.00 am Welcome by Daniel Calley, Chair BAFM followed by the Lord Mayor's welcome to Southampton

10.15 am Carolyn Abel, Director of Culture and Tourism, Southampton City Council: *Creative Partnerships*

10.45 am Sarah Newman, Manager, Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum: *Best Friends? Working in Partnership with Southampton City Art Gallery, the View from the Russell-Cotes*

11.15 am tea/coffee & biscuits break in the City Art Gallery Main Hall (upstairs from lecture theatre)

11.45 am Mia Delve, Curator & Programme Manager, Gods House Tower, aspace arts: *Everyone Involved project*

12.15 pm Claire Delvaux, Deputy Chief Executive, Southampton Forward: *Southampton Forward Partnerships* (to be confirmed)

12.45 pm Buffet lunch in the City Art Gallery Main Hall (upstairs from lecture theatre)

1.30 pm Wendy Stokes and Ally Hayes, Mount Bevois History: *Southampton Heritage Network*

2.00 pm Breakout groups (delegates will be assigned to one of four groups to consider the following questions):

What partnerships have been successful What partnership have not worked well? What new partnerships might work in the cultural sector and beyond? Groups' feedback to Conference

3.00 pm Summary of the day by Daniel Calley, followed by tea

3.30 pm Presentation on BAFM Conference venue for 2027 and presentation of BAFM Awards.

4.15 pm AGM in the lecture theatre

5.00 pm End of Conference day and optional half hour tour of the City Art Gallery by ex-Curator Tim Craven

The programme may be subject to change

For partners and companions not attending the conference there will be information in the conference folder of venues available to visit

For further details and questions please contact Tim Craven chair@fosmag.org.uk



53rd BAFM Conference booking form continued:

Saturday 3rd October: Conference at the Southampton City Art Gallery lecture theatre

Day ticket @£75.00 per person no of tickets = £.....

Early Bird Day ticket @ £65.00 per person (special rate if you book before **10th July**) no of tickets = £.....

Drinks reception and dinner 6.30 pm at The Novotel Hotel @ £55 per person no of tickets =£.....

Friday 2nd October: I/We wish to book for the wine reception and tour of Gods House Tower at 7.00 pm @ £15 per person

no of tickets = £.....

Sunday 4th October: I/We wish to book the tour of historic Southampton by Don Bryan at 10.00 am @ £8 per person

no of tickets = £.....

Total = £.....

Payment: please tick if by bank transfer..... (please include reference **BC followed by the last 4 digits of your debit/credit card long number (not the security code)**); or by cheque.....

Bacs transfer: account name FOSMAG, sort code 309780, account no 00215942. Please send the booking form in addition and advise if payer and delegate are different people or if paying for several delegates.

Cheques Payable to FoSMAG and please write on the back: BAFM Conference

Please send a completed booking form for each delegate and cheques to: Tim Craven, BAFM Conference, Braishfield Lodge West, Paynes Hay Road, Braishfield, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0PS chair@fosmag.org.uk 01794 368002

