



NASMA Annual Conference 2025

30th June - 2nd July
Manchester Piccadilly, Marriott Hotel

Training and Development

We have three days packed with great sessions, covering a variety of topics across the student money advice sector and beyond.

NASMA Bowling Bonanza

Join us on the Monday night as we host you for some bowling. A chance to have some fun whilst making connections with new and old NASMA members.

Student Money Advice Awards

Join us at the Gala dinner as we celebrate the achievements of our members, announcing the winners of this year's awards.

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Our Conference Venue

Manchester Marriott Hotel Piccadilly
91 London Rd, Manchester M1 2PG

Train station

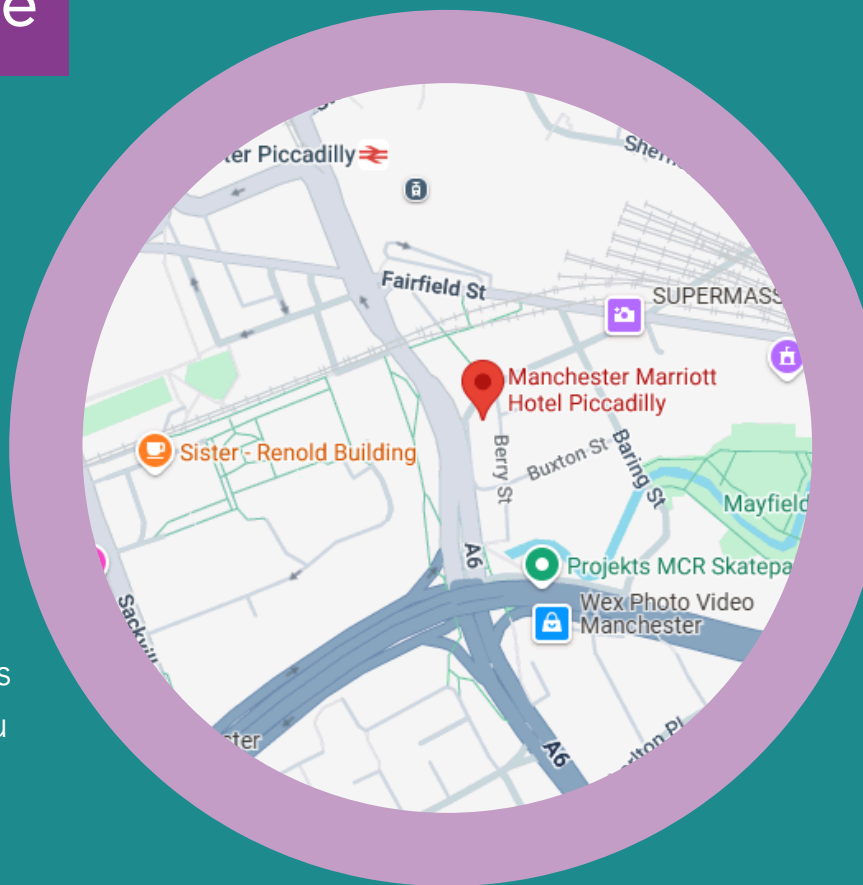
4 minute walk from Piccadilly Station

Airport

20 minute Train to Piccadilly Station.

Parking

Parking is available at the hotel. Parking is paid at reception where they will give you the code to leave the car park.



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Conference 2025 Schedule

Day 1: Monday 30th June

Session Details	Time	Room
Arrivals, Refreshments & Networking	9.30 - 10.45	Piccadilly Suite
Conference Welcome	10.45 - 11.00	Piccadilly Suite
Keynote - 'The story of belonging' David Gilani & Liz Thomas	11.00 - 12.30	Piccadilly Suite

A discussion exploring the importance of belonging and why it is so widely researched in higher education. Focusing on how it supports help-seeking and agency amongst particular groups of students.

Lunch - Selection of hot and cold options, snacks	12.30 - 13.30	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite
AGM	13.30 - 14.30	Piccadilly Suite
Break - Refreshments provided	14.30 - 14.45	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite

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Training & Development (3 Options)

<u>Navigating Student Finance: Insights and Strategies for Supporting Mature Students (Student Panel).</u>	14.45 - 15.45	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Personal Independence Payment (PIP).</u>	14.45 - 15.45	2/4
<u>YGAM - Neurodiversity Workshop</u>	14.45 - 15.45	7

Training & Development (3 Options)

<u>Development of a fraud prevention and response strategy.</u>	16.00 - 17.00	7
<u>Universal Credit for Students</u>	16.00 - 17.00	2/4
<u>Working smarter for underrepresented groups</u>	16.00 - 17.00	Piccadilly Suite
NASMA Bowling Bonanza - Networking, Food, Drinks & Entertainment	18.30 - Late	Dog Bowl Manchester M1 5WW

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Join us as we head to Dog Bowl. A chance for you to network with your peers while having a bit of fun. Bowling, arcade games food and drinks.

Getting to the Venue.

We will meet at hotel reception at 18.30. We will then walk down to the venue together. It is a 15 minute walk to the venue. There is an option to take a short taxi or the train if you don't fancy the walk or the weather isn't favourable.

If you want to meet us at the venue you can. The event starts at 19.00.

Address - 57 Whitworth St W, Manchester M1 5WW

Footwear - You are able to bowl in your own shoes. We advise something comfortable for both the walk and to bowl.



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Arrivals, Refreshments & Networking	8.30 - 9.30	Piccadilly Suite
Keynote - 'Money & Mind: The Next Chapter' Health Assured & Munny	9.30 - 10.30	Piccadilly Suite

Exploring the link between financial wellbeing and mental health, with insights, data, and practical solutions to better support today's students.

Break - Refreshments provided	10.30 - 10.45	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Artificial Intelligence: The good, the bad, the unknown (panel and roundtable)</u>	10.45 - 12.15	Piccadilly Suite

Join our Panel as we get the conversation started on how we can be using AI. Looking at the positive benefits, efficiencies and ideas to take back with you.

Lunch - Selection of hot and cold options, snacks	12.15 - 13.15	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite
Training & Development (3 Options)		
<u>Why do University's need Money Advisors?</u> <u>How Money Advisors contribute to retention, progression, and attainment of students</u>	13.15 - 14.15	7
<u>Understanding Cultural Attitudes Towards Money & Borrowing</u>	13.15 - 14.15	Piccadilly Suite
Experian - Credit scores	13.15 - 14.15	2/4
Training & Development (3 Options)		
<u>Developing the confidence to have difficult conversations</u>	14.30 - 15.30	Piccadilly Suite
<u>SLC: Back to the Future; an Academic Year Timeline</u>	14.30 - 15.30	2/4
<u>Addressing Significant University Accommodation Debt: through qualitative analysis</u>	14.30 - 15.30	7
Break - Refreshments provided	15.30 - 15.45	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite

Training & Development (3 Options)

<u>Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) aware</u>	15.45 - 16.45	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Money Guiders for Support Student Teams</u>	15.45 - 16.45	7
<u>Data, Insights, Action!</u>	15.45 - 16.45	2/4
Gala Dinner - Drinks Reception, Dinner & Student Money Advice Awards	19.30 - Late	Piccadilly Suite

STUDENT MONEY ADVICE AWARDS

We value the opportunity to celebrate the hard work and success of our members through NASMAs Student Money Advice Awards. We believe that it is important to recognise when our members go above and beyond, and excel in their roles, either individually or part of a wider team.

The Student Money Advice Awards Ceremony will take place at the Gala dinner on Tuesday 1st July. Join us in celebrating our members achievements.

We will be offering welcome drinks from 19:30 followed by a three course dinner with a DJ to finish. See you all on the dance floor.

We will hand out awards for the following categories:

- Student Money Adviser of the Year
- Andrew Perry Memorial Award: Fund Administrator of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Innovative Project
- Region of the Year

We are delighted to announce that our Student money Advice Awards 2025 sponsors are Save the Student.



Save the Student is the student money site trusted by over 2 million users each month. The website has 100s of guides including leading advice on everything from how to choose a student bank account to saving on your weekly shop. They're always keen to work with other organisations to improve the financial wellbeing of students.

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Arrivals, Refreshments & Networking	08.30 - 09.30	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Panel - NATIONAL STUDENT MONEY WEEK: LEARNING FROM 2025, AND LAUNCHING 2026</u> <u>Theme announcement - Planning starts here</u>	09.30 - 11.00	Piccadilly Suite
Break - Refreshments provided	11.00 - 11.15	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite
Training & Development (3 Options)		
<u>Using Financial Support to Boost Student Participation and Success</u>	11.15 - 12.15	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Buy now pay later debts: what does the future hold?</u>	11.15 - 12.15	2/4
<u>Hardship Fund guidance discussion</u>	11.15 - 12.15	7
Lunch - Selection of hot and cold options, snacks	12.15 - 13.15	Restaurant/ Piccadilly Suite
Training & Development (3 Options)		
<u>Debt & Mental Health: What You Need to Know</u>	13.15 - 14.15	2/4
<u>International students preyed on by loan sharks</u>	13.15 - 14.15	7
<u>No-one gets left behind: Supporting diverse student populations through data informed money advice</u>	13.15 - 14.15	Piccadilly Suite
Training & Development (2 Options)		
<u>Student perceptions of value for money in UK higher education</u>	14.30 - 15.30	Piccadilly Suite
<u>Dealing with Guarantor Debts</u>	14.30 - 15.30	2/4
Closing remarks and finish	15.30 - 15.45	Piccadilly Suite



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