



GENERAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Saturday 6 December 2025

The purpose of the conference is to work together in person to explore the outstanding issues of concern, with the aim of reaching consensus on a final package of governance reforms which could be put to General Council for its consideration and decision at the Annual General Meeting on 25 April 2026.

The programme and timings are as follows:

10.30am – 11am	Doors open: refreshments and networking
11am – 12.15pm	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the case for change, recap progress to date, including areas of contention.• Open debate to share and discuss views together, and for the Board to answer questions / respond.
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Small group workshops (session 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-create refinements (or alternatives) to areas of the proposals where contention remains.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trustee elections x 2 workshops (Groups 1 and 2)○ Gathering debates x 2 workshops (Groups 3 and 4)
1.15pm – 2pm	Lunch: Informal discussion and networking
2pm – 3pm	Small group workshops (session 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-create refinements (or alternatives) to areas of the proposals where contention remains.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trustee elections x 2 workshops (Groups 3 and 4)○ Gathering debates x 2 workshops (Groups 1 and 2)
3pm – 3.15pm	Break: Refreshments
3.15pm – 4pm	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share workshop outcomes and build consensus to allow preparation of a final package of proposed reforms in the best interests of the whole charity that would have the support of General Council.
4pm	Close

Plenary sessions

During the plenary sessions, we will use several ways to capture your feedback and input. These include:

- Speaking from the floor
- Paper and pens for written contributions
- [Slido](#), a simple tool for live polls, Q&A, and word clouds to make sessions interactive.

Using [Slido](#) is easy: all you need is a smartphone or tablet, and there's no need to download an app. Free Wi-Fi is available in the venue and can be accessed without registering for a guest account. If you do not have an electronic device, don't worry – there will be alternative options so everyone can participate fully.

Workshop sessions

For the workshop sessions, Council members will be divided equally into four pre-allocated groups, which will be identified on your name badge, and move to different rooms. There will be an opportunity to be involved in workshops on both the topics.

Supporting documents

The most recent set of proposed reforms (published on 29 September), which include a cover note summarising the case of change, the review process so far, and feedback received over the last rounds of consultation, are available on the General Council website at <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/about-us/general-council>.

Conference venue

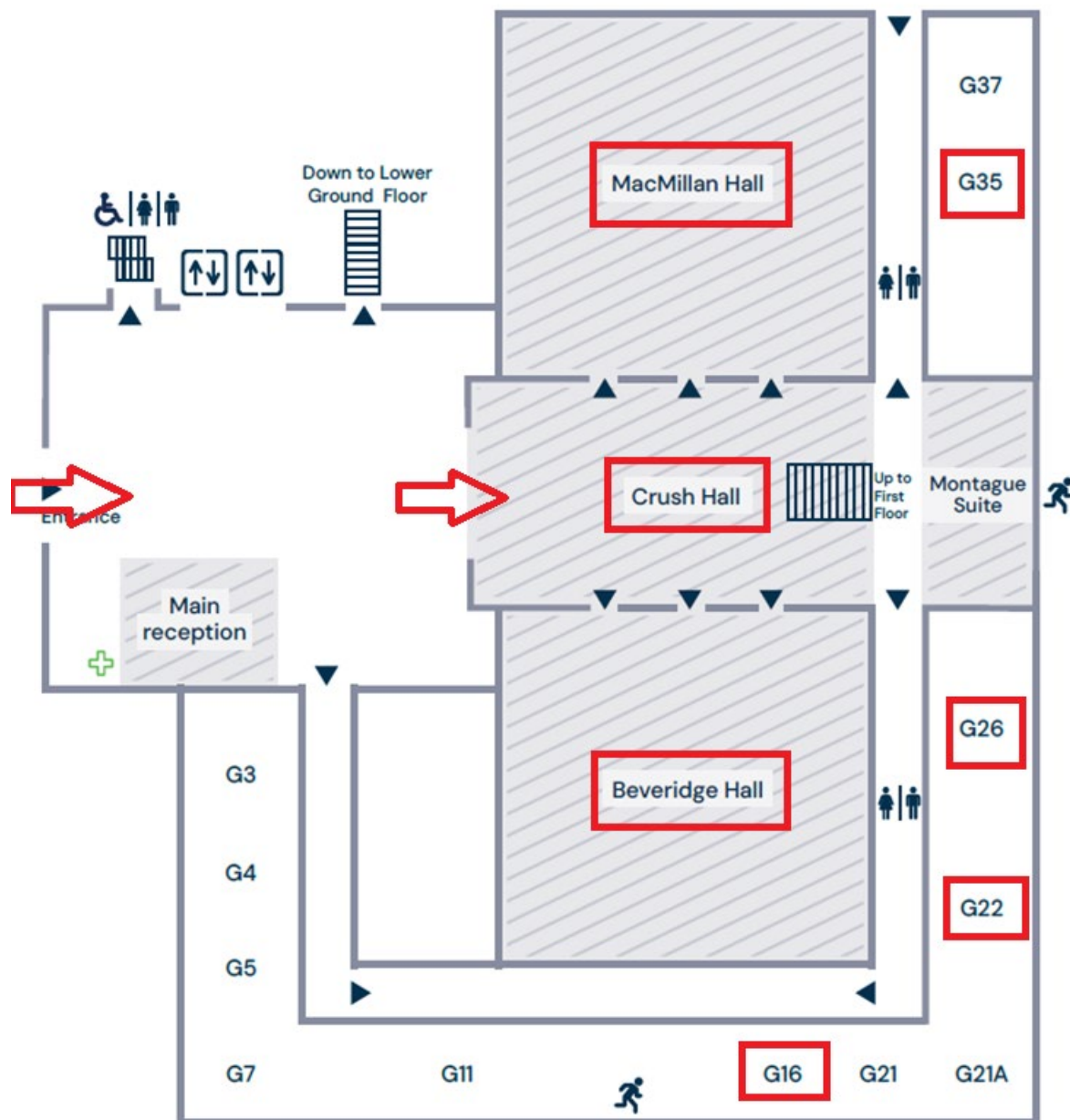
The venue is Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU. Plenary sessions will take place in the Beveridge Hall. The venue is a short walk from London Underground and national railway stations. (See map below.)

You can enter from either Malet Street or Russell Square. Upon arrival, please proceed to the main Senate House reception where you will see the doors to conference rooms and our registration desk. Staff will be on hand to greet you on arrival from 10.30am.

Venue location



Venue floor plan



Registration
Plenary sessions
Catering
Breakout room 1
Breakout room 2
Breakout room 3
Breakout room 4

Crush Hall
Beveridge Hall
MacMillan Hall
G16
G22 (Woburn Room)
G26 (Montague Room)
G35 (Bloomsbury Room)