

Discover Materials Conference 2026

University of Sheffield, 17th September 2026



Timetable

1030 – 1100 – Refreshments and registration

1100 – 1130 – Welcome and updates from Discover Materials

Chair: Lewis Owen

- Welcome and housekeeping (Lewis Owen)
- Updates from Discover Materials (Chris Hamlett)
 - An overview of Discover Materials and the events we have delivered over the past year (Chris Hamlett)

1130 – 1230 – Developing and delivering outreach activities

Chair: Chris Hamlett

- Delivering dramatic outreach (Lewis Owen)
- Rollercoaster Writing (Durga Tilak)
Using analogies of different roller coasters to materials science stories to strengthen the narrative, structure, and imagery of your writing.

1230 – 1400 Lunch and networking session

Including networking and a chance to play with DM kit

1400 – 1600 Hands on activities

Chair: Lewis Owen

- The Five Whys – (Dan Scotson)
Creating short form videos using the approach of 'Five Whys'
- A to Z – Writing Workshop (Durga Tilak)
Creation and editing of articles for the A to Z of Materials

1600 – 1630 (at the very latest) Wrap up and finish (Chris Hamlett)

A wrap up of the event, upcoming opportunities for outreach and presentation of DMA Engagement Awards and then onto the Cambridge Street Collective for those who can make it

Useful information

Location of conference

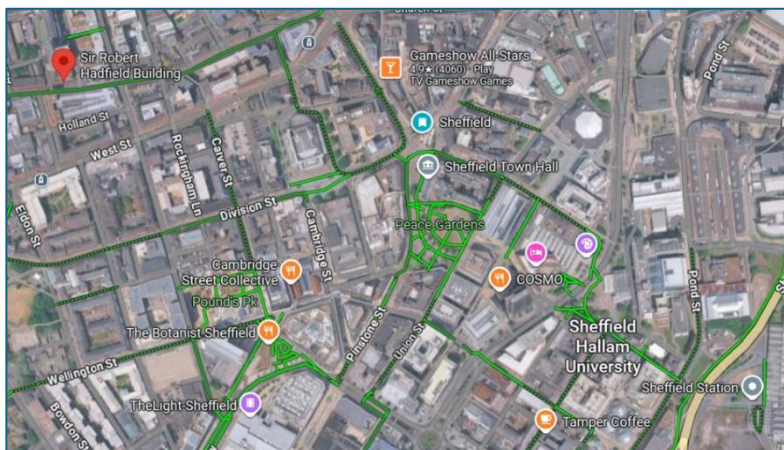
The Ideas Space (near entrance)

Address

Robert Hadfield Building,
Mappin St,
Sheffield City Centre,
Sheffield, S1 3JD

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Supporting information

This includes a list of things to bring with you and links that will be used during the sessions:

<https://discovermaterials.co.uk/news/discover-materials-conference-2026-supporting-info/>



Cambridge Street Collective

<https://cambridgestreetcollective.com/>

Europe's largest purpose-built food hall!

Address:

11 Backfields, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 4HP



Contacts

If you have any questions please contact

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Feedback survey

We would very much appreciate your feedback on the conference. Please do this by filling out the following survey:

