

## THE SAGE GATESHEAD SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Sage Gateshead is situated on Gateshead Quays between the Tyne Bridge and Gateshead Millennium Bridge, making it the perfect location to explore the region.

There are plenty of ways of reducing your carbon footprint and making the most of the beautiful scenery and abundance of culture the region has to offer, whether you're travelling to the venue or making the most of the North East's sights, here's how you can get around easily with our ever expanding public transport links.

### RAIL CONNECTIONS:

The nearest station is Newcastle Central (around three hours to London King's Cross, one and a half hours to Edinburgh). If you arrive into Newcastle Central Station you can choose to either:

Take the Metro one stop to Gateshead Interchange (a couple of minutes journey time) then either a ten minute walk to The Sage Gateshead or catch the yellow Quaylink Q1 bus. Pedestrian routes are clearly signed.

Visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for more travel information and timetables

### METRO:

The North East is lucky enough to have its own light rail system with over 60 stations including Gateshead town centre, Newcastle and Sunderland City centres, railway stations and the airport, it couldn't be easier to get around. Plus it's been rated one of the most efficient forms of transport in the entire country.

The Metro trains themselves have room for wheelchairs and buggies and have comfortable seating. You can buy your ticket at any Metro station.

### QUAYLINK

Quaylink buses offer a low-emission, high-frequency, accessible and easy-to-use service, and are the best way to get around central NewcastleGateshead. Routes connect the attractions and sights of NewcastleGateshead including Newcastle Central Station and The Sage Gateshead. Electric timetables are displayed within The Sage Gateshead, please ask a member of staff for details.

[Quaylink route map](#) [PDF]

### WHY NOT BUY YOUR DELEGATES ADVANCE PASSES TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR VISIT?

NewcastleGateshead Conference Bureau has teamed up with North East England transport operator Nexus to develop the conference destination's first dedicated travel card for delegates.

The card allows delegates unlimited travel on the Tyne and Wear Metro system and NewcastleGateshead's low-emission yellow Quaylink buses which operate a frequent service around NewcastleGateshead's iconic quayside area.

NewcastleGateshead is compact, accessible and easy to get around but is it now also great value. For just £2.10 per person, per day, delegates can travel as often as they like on the Metro and Quaylink using the Conference Travel Card.

Cards can be obtained by conference organisers for all their delegates, and due to the flexible nature of the card, you can specify how many days you would like the card to be valid for, depending on the length of your event.

To place an order, conference organisers can fill in the [downloadable form](#).

For help with the form contact [conventionbureau@ngi.org.uk](mailto:conventionbureau@ngi.org.uk)

### **BUS SERVICES**

Bus services in NewcastleGateshead are plentiful and frequent and there are a wide variety of special travel tickets available including a Day Rover for unlimited travel by any form of public transport in Tyne & Wear, while the North East Explorer ticket can be used on public transport right across the North East region. Buy one on the day from bus drivers or in advance from Travelshops.

### **BY BIKE:**

There is plenty of fun to be had by hopping on a bike and making the most of NewcastleGateshead's famous cycle routes including Hadrian's Cycleway. Here at The Sage Gateshead we have plenty of cycle racks to keep your bike safe during your event.

A cycle route map produced by Tyne bikes is available from Newcastle Gateshead Tourist Information Centres

### **SCRATCH BIKES:**

Scratch bikes are a recent addition to Newcastle Gateshead and prove a popular method of transport for short trips (under 2hrs). The bikes are self service – take one ride it, then leave it at any official bike rack (we have one just outside the venue). To find out more visit <http://www.scratchbikes.co.uk/>

### **BY FOOT:**

Whether this is your first time in the city - and you want to find the best places to eat, shop or visit - or whether you have been many times or lived here for years, there are still lots of secrets to discover through a guided or self-guide tour. A walking guide, detailing eight walks around NewcastleGateshead is available free from the Tourist Information Centres

### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:**

With a record number of new UK, European and international flights, as well as direct rail links to the heart of the city centre, travelling to NewcastleGateshead couldn't be easier.

### **BY AIR:**

Newcastle International Airport is served by many airlines providing direct links from top international and UK destinations. The route from the airport to the city centre is one of the fastest in Europe, taking only 22 minutes on the Tyne and Wear Metro. Metro trains run every 5 to 15 minutes.

### **BY ROAD:**

The A1(M) passes through NewcastleGateshead, linking the area to London, the South, Scotland and major routes across the country. The A69 links west to Carlisle, the Lake District and, via the M6, to the South and West of England. The Sage Gateshead has its own car park with lift access situated directly behind the build.

### **BLUE BADGE HOLDERS**

There are a number of priority spaces for blue badge holders near the entrances to The Sage Gateshead as well as in our car park by the lifts.

### **BY SEA:**

The North Shields International Ferry Terminal is the North of England's main sea link with Scandinavia and Northern Europe, and throughout the year DFDS Seaways operates sailings to and from the city. Taxis to Gateshead cost approximately £15 from the ferry terminal.