

A place for standards

2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

18 - 19 October 2010 International Convention Centre, Birmingham



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24 February 2010

Booking opens for 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

Booking opens today for 'A place for standards', the 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees (24 February).

'A place for standards' takes place at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham on 18 and 19 October. It is a vital diary date for anyone who wants to build their knowledge of the Code of Conduct and the local standards framework, including independent and elected members of standards committees, monitoring officers and legal and democratic services teams, elected members with special responsibility for standards and ethics and chief executives and council leaders

The Annual Assembly has sold out quickly for the past three years, so early booking is highly recommended. Online booking is available from today on our website. Booking forms will also be sent out to authorities in March.

The programme for the 2010 Annual Assembly focuses on sharing good practice, developing high standards and helping authorities to manage a proportionate, cost effective local standards framework.

Session themes include:

- Guidance for new or less experienced delegates to help them build confidence in managing local assessment, investigations, hearings, determinations and the Code of Conduct
- How to develop a place for standards within an authority, and proactively engage with members, leaders and key decision makers
- How to successfully recruit independent standards committee members
- How to develop a proactive work programme for a standards committee
- The right qualities and skills for an effective independent chair
- To blog or not to blog: Using social media and staying within the Code
- Dedicated sessions for town and parish councils and fire, police, integrated transport and parks authorities

For the third year running, there is no price increase for the Annual Assembly. The cost of full conference attendance is held at £430 (plus VAT), and the cost of a one-day place is held £230 (plus VAT).

Notes for editors

1. The 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, 'A Place for Standards' takes place on 18 and 19 October at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham. For more information, please visit www.standardsforengland.gov.uk or email annualassembly2010@standardsforengland.gov.uk

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2. For media enquiries, please contact the press office on 0161 817 5400 or email
press.enquiries@standardsboard.gov.uk

Press Office

We welcome any questions from members of the press about the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees and we are more than happy to arrange a press pass for the conference.

To speak to a member of Standards for England press team, please telephone 0161 817 5400,
or send an e-mail to us at press.enquiries@standardsboard.gov.uk

Outside of office hours, please call 07818 013 786.

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Booking your hotel

Standards for England have made arrangements with a number of hotels, listed below, to hold a limited number of rooms for Annual Assembly delegates.* Delegates should contact the hotel and quote the reference number, also listed below, to book one of these rooms. The hotels will allocate rooms on a first-come, first-served basis.

Accommodation prices on this website are indicative of the lowest rate available at the time of publication. These rates may vary according to your final requirements, and are subject to change by the hotel.

Four Star hotels

Hyatt Regency, Broad Street

- Telephone: 0121 643 1234
- Night of 17 October, £120.00. Night of 18 October, £166.00
- Parking: £13.00 for 24hrs
- Booking reference number: G-K9K9

City Inn, Brunswick Square

- Telephone: 0121 643 1003
- Night of 17 October, £75.00. Night of 18 October, £105.00
- Parking: £12.00 overnight NCP
- Booking reference number: BEN101/010

Copthorne Hotel, Paradise Circus

- Telephone: 0121 200 2727
- £117.00 per night
- Parking: £9.95 for 24hrs
- Booking reference number: STAN171010

Crowne Plaza, Broad Street

- Telephone: 0121 224 5046
- £130.00 – £160.00 per night
- Parking: £13.50 for 24hrs
- Booking reference number: 075

The Burlington, opposite New Street station

- Telephone: 0121 633 1716
- £115.00, per night
- Parking: £8.00 for 24hrs NCP
- Booking reference number: STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND

Three Star hotels**Novotel, Broad Street**

- Telephone: 0121 643 2000
- £125.00 per night
- Parking: £13.00 for 24hrs
- Booking reference number: 1238

Jury's Inn, Broad Street

- Telephone: 0121 606 9000
- Night of 17 October, £88.00. Night of 18 October, £132.00
- Parking: £10.20 for 24hrs
- Booking reference number: BEN111009

Express by Holiday Inn, Lionel Street

- Telephone: 01483 205 432
- £92.00 per night, bed and continental breakfast
- Parking: £10.00 for 24hrs NCP
- Booking reference number: BENEDICT

Three Star hotels**Premier Inn, Bridge Street**

- Telephone: 0870 1977 031
- Night of 17 October, £66.00 room only. Night of 18 October, £71.00 room only
- Parking: Free for residents
- No booking reference number required

Nitenite City Hotel, Holiday Street

Before booking please view the website www.nitenite.com as this hotel may not suit everybody

- Telephone: 08458 909099
- £59.95 per night room only
- Parking: NCP car park close by
- No booking reference number required

Birmingham Tourist Information

Alternatively, you can find out about other hotels by visiting **Birmingham's tourist information website**.

Should you require further assistance please telephone our event managers, Benedict Business Resources, on 01483 205 432.

**Standards for England and our event managers, Benedict Business Resources, cannot accept any liability for incidents that occur while at the hotels listed on this website or any complaint against the hotel. While every effort has been made to ensure you have a comfortable stay, and the event managers would like notification of any difficulties, any such issues must be taken up with individual hotels directly. The cost of repairing any damage caused to hotel property, contents or grounds by guests must be reimbursed to the hotel directly. In the event of cancellation, individual hotel policies will apply. Please contact the hotel direct and ascertain their cancellation terms.*