

LEAD Network Conference 2026 Frequently Asked Questions

Dublin
Oct 6–7

I have registered for the conference, but I'm not able to join. Can I transfer my ticket to my colleague?

Yes, please send an email to support@theleadnetwork.net.

Can I cancel my ticket? Will I get a refund?

If you pay for your ticket upon registration, you may cancel it up to 14 days before the event (i.e. up until the 22nd September 23:59 CET) and receive a full refund minus admin fees. Credit card payments will be refunded automatically within 5-10 working days. For more information, please contact support@theleadnetwork.net. Please cancel your registration as soon as possible via link shared in your post-registration email. For Partner Members, please also advise your Partner Ambassador, so your ticket can be allocated to another delegate.

How do I get to the venue?

The conference will take place at the [RDS Dublin](#), a well-connected venue easily accessible by various modes of transport. By car, the RDS is located just 4 km from Dublin city centre (approximately 10–15 minutes depending on traffic) and is easily reached via the N11 and M50. On-site parking is available, with additional parking options nearby. By train (DART), delegates can take the DART service to Sandymount or Lansdowne Road stations, both within a 5–10 minute walk of the venue. By bus, several Dublin Bus routes serve the Ballsbridge area, with stops located directly outside or within walking distance of the RDS. By plane, Dublin Airport is approximately 14 km away (around 20–30 minutes by car). Taxis and airport bus services, including Aircoach, provide direct and convenient access to the city and Ballsbridge area. The venue is also situated in the vibrant Ballsbridge district, close to hotels, restaurants, and key landmarks, making it a convenient and accessible location for all delegates.

What accommodation options are available?

The 4-star hotel [Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin](#)

LEAD Network has pre-reserved rooms for attendees from October 5th to October 7th. Full details will be available on the dedicated conference website. In addition, accommodation can be booked at Herbert Park Hotel and InterContinental Dublin to make the booking process easier for you.

Can I park at the venue?

The RDS offers on-site parking across several car parks; however, availability is limited, particularly during busy periods when multiple events are taking place. Parking operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is fee-paying for all visitors (excluding RDS Members). Parking rates are typically €4 per hour, with a daily rate of €10 per day (subject to availability and excluding major events such as the Dublin Horse Show and certain large concerts). Car park opening hours:

- Merrion Road Car Park: Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 7:00pm
- Simmonscourt Road & Anglesea Road Car Parks: Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 7:00pm

Accessible parking bays are available for blue badge holders in designated areas close to entrances. Due to limited capacity, delegates are strongly encouraged to allow extra time for parking or consider using public transport where possible.

Do I need to be a member of LEAD Network to attend ?

Yes, membership of LEAD Network is required to participate. Membership is free of charge. You can register here <https://leadnetworkmembers.net/signup> and proceed to purchase a ticket afterward.

What Kind of tickets are available?

There is only one ticket option available: the “LEAD Network Conference On-site Ticket.” (October 6th & 7th)

This ticket provides access to:

- 2 Plenary Sessions (including an Award Ceremony)
- 20+ Breakout Sessions
- The Networking Celebration Dinner (6th October)
- Catering during conference hours on both days

Please note: Accommodation and transfers are not included.

On-site tickets are available from 16th June- 18th September 2026.

Ticket price: € 920 € + 23% VAT (€ 1,131.60 in total)

Will recordings / an executive summary be made available?

Recordings may be made available to delegates on the Member Platform Resource Hub, subject to speaker authorisation after the conference. An Executive Summary will be distributed electronically after the event to all delegates.

Will there be Wi-Fi available?

Yes, Wi-Fi will be available. We will provide any necessary login details onsite.

Is there a mobile app for the conference?

Yes. We will provide information on how to download and use the conference app in September.

How can I network with other attendees?

There are various opportunities to connect during the event, including the Networking Lunch sponsored by Musgrave, the Evening Networking Dinner, and Refreshment Breaks. Additionally, attendees can engage and network with others through the conference app.

Can I join if I don't work in the Consumer Goods and Retail Industry?

Yes, you are welcome to join, but please be aware that the majority of content at the conference will be targeted towards this audience.

I'm based outside Europe. Can I still join?

Yes, we welcome participants from all over the world.

Is there support available for individuals with diverse abilities?

We are dedicated to creating an inclusive and accessible experience for all attendees at our conference. If you have specific needs or require any assistance, please reach out to our Conference Team at conference@theleadnetwork.com. We are here to ensure your experience is as comfortable and accommodating as possible.

When does registration open on the day of the conference?

Day 1 (6th October): From 8:00 am for those attending community and committee meetings, and from 11:30 am for all other delegates.

Day 2 (7th October): From 8:00 am.

I can only be there for one day. Can I still join?

Yes, you're welcome to join even if you're only able to attend one day of the conference. Please note that we only have one ticket option available, which covers both days.

I still have questions. Whom should I contact?

If you have any further questions concerning the LEAD Network Conference 2026, please send a message to the Conference Team at conference@theleadnetwork.net.