



STUDY DAY

Research Study Day

AAC AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Room GR01, Newlyn Building, Mount Preston Street, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9ND

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Timetable

9.30am	<i>Registration & tea/coffee</i>
9.50am	Welcome & About Communication Matters - CM Trustee
10.00am	Session 1: Real-world strategies and user experiences in relation to AI-enhanced or assisted AAC - Professor Bronwyn Hemsley, Jamie Preece, Emma Sullivan, and Dr Katherine Broomfield
11.00am	<i>Tea/coffee & networking</i>
11.15am	Session 1: Continued
12.15pm	<i>Lunch & networking</i>
1.15pm	Session 2: Implementation of AI in AAC, reviewing where we are now with the technology, what impact it has already had on the field and the ongoing discussions about its responsible use - Professor Annalu Waller, Dr Tom Griffiths, and Rohan Slaughter
2.30pm	<i>Tea/coffee & networking</i>
3.00pm	Session 2: Continued
4.00pm	Concluding Comments
4.15pm	<i>Feedback Forms, Finish</i>

Research Study Day

BECOMING AN AIDED COMMUNICATOR (BAC)

Room 1.07, Newlyn Building, Mount Preston Street, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9ND

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Timetable

9.30am	<i>Registration & tea/coffee</i>
9.50am	Welcome & About Communication Matters - CM Trustee
10.00am	Introduction: The BAC Project as clinical practice: Concepts, rationales and methods
10.20am	Assessment of spoken and aided language in research and practice: Language skills and methods
10.35am	Aided language comprehension: Aspects, BAC methods and implications for practice
10.50am	<i>Short break</i>
11.00am	Aided language comprehension (continued)
12.00pm	<i>Lunch & networking</i>
1.00pm	Aided language production: Aspects, BAC methods and implications for practice
2.30pm	<i>Tea/coffee & networking</i>
3.00pm	Open discussion with presenters and attendees
4.00pm	Concluding comments: Take home issues and practices for the future
4.15pm	<i>Feedback Forms, Finish</i>

Presenters: Beata Batorowicz, Paulina Finak, Anna Kawamura, Elisabete Mendes, Kirsi Neuvonen, Gregor Renner, Kristine Stadskleiv, Hans van Balkom, Stephen von Tetzchner

Please download a full programme from: bit.ly/BACprogramme2025

How to find
Newlyn Building

Mount Preston Street, University of Leeds, LS2 9ND

Tel (on the day): Helen Whittle, 07745 111663

[View Map](#)



The University of Leeds campus is approximately half a mile from the city centre on Woodhouse Lane, the A660. Leeds has great transport links from all parts of the UK.

By Bus: Bus no. 24 leaves from stand City Square E on Infirmary Street, near the Railway Station in City Square (see map below), to the campus every fifteen minutes during the day and every twenty minutes in the evening. *Exit the railway station in the direction of City Square, bearing left before leaving the station and passing straight through the ticket office area.* There are also frequent buses from the Central Bus Station, including nos. 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28. Bus no. 56 leaves from The Headrow just outside John Lewis. Get off the bus at the main entrance adjacent to the Parkinson Building (the 56 stops slightly before the Parkinson, just after The Fenton pub), then proceed on foot. More details on bus travel can be found on www.wymetro.com. Buses can carry one wheelchair at a time; the driver can lower the bus and/or extend the ramp to street level.

By Train: For rail travel details visit: www.nationalrail.co.uk. You can get from Leeds train station to the campus by taxi, bus or on foot (25-minute walk). For a walking map from Leeds train station please click [here](#).

By Car: Parking is restricted, so please car-share where possible. Please view this [map](#) and click 'directions' to enter your starting point.

Car parking: A limited number of parking spaces are available on a first come, first served basis in the university's [Orange Zone multi-storey car park](#) on Vernon Road, Leeds, LS2 3AE. The Newlyn building is a 10-minute walk through campus from here. For a walking map from the car park please click [here](#).

The parking code is **954100**. An ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system is in operation across campus and automatically issues fines. Your parking code must be entered into a parking ticket machine **on arrival** to pay. The code will allow you to select how many days you will be parked. Each day ends at midnight. Parking is charged at £7 per day, and payment is by card or contactless only. Fines will be issued if the code is not entered.

Parking ticket machines are located on level 1 of the multi-storey car park, in the outside car park by the Edge Sports Centre, and by the main entrance of the Marjorie & Arnold Ziff Building (near the Woodhouse Lane entrance and Parkinson Building).

Electric vehicles: You will find several electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs) across campus, most are located on the first floor of the university's multi-storey car park, with others located across campus. You can find where they are, as well as other charging points in Leeds and nationally, on Zap-Map. If you are a visitor, there is currently no cost for charging your car on the university campus. However, you still have to pay the usual parking costs and comply with campus parking regulations.

Blue Badge car parking: You were asked if you required blue badge parking when registering your place online. If you selected yes and gave your car registration number, then this has been booked at the university for you and is paid for by CM. Blue Badge Parking on campus is limited and not guaranteed however, you can find all city based Blue Badge Parking on the [Leeds City Council Website](#).

Alternative car parking: Parking is also available in the [Woodhouse Lane car park](#), close by to campus. Please consider using the Elland Road, Temple Green, or Stourton '[Park & Ride](#)' service to avoid city centre congestion.

Additional Information

Please note the campus is open to the public. Anyone under the age of 18 must remain the responsibility of an accompanying adult. A no smoking policy operates in all buildings, public areas, bars, doorways, and entrances.

Registration: Registration for this event takes place in the Newlyn Building on the day, just inside the main entrance. You do not need to bring anything with you to register as we will already have a list of names. You will be given a name badge.

Internet access: Wi-Fi internet access is available throughout the university. Choose the 'UoL-Guest' option and follow the instructions on screen. If you experience any problems with the Wi-Fi, please speak to a University of Leeds conference organiser who is identifiable in a Conferences and Events Lanyard (black with red writing).

Catering: A selection of tea and coffee will be served on arrival. A cold buffet lunch will be provided and special diets will be catered for (jacket potatoes are available for those who require them).

Toilet facilities: There are toilet facilities (including an accessible toilet) available on the ground floor of the Newlyn Building (a second accessible toilet is available on the first floor of this building). There is also a Changing Places toilet in the Esther Simpson building on Lyddon Terrace (a 3-minute walk away) and in Disability Services (an 8-minute walk away). Disability Services is open from 9am-5pm. Please refer to the university's [Campus Map](#) to find their locations.

Photography: You were asked whether you consent to filming/photography when you registered your place online. If you do not consent, please let the registration team know and they will give you a **red lanyard** to wear to indicate this, so that our photographer is aware. If our photographer would like an individual shot of you then they will ask you first.

Help and information on the day: If you need any help, advice or information, please ask one of the Event Organisers (wearing a **yellow lanyard**) who will be delighted to help you. The event organisers have worked very hard to ensure that you have a trouble-free and enjoyable experience.

Please report any problems or difficulties immediately, however small, to one of the Event Organisers. We can only help if we know you have a problem!