

22nd International CDIO Conference
University of Liverpool, UK, 22nd-25th June 2026

A Guide for Delegates

Your guide to session types and making the most of the Conference.

The conference programme overview and the detailed programme are available at cdio2026.co.uk and in the Whova app.

Type	Description	Open to
Podium Presentations	Typically, 5 paper presentations organised thematically 10-minute talks + 5-minute questions Closing with a group discussion	All delegates
Keynote Presentations	Extended, plenary presentations by invited experts in engineering education	All delegates
Workshops	90-minute interactive sessions on a specific topic with activities that are intended to engage the participants with the subject and each other. Workshops may be on a fundamental level that presumes little prior knowledge, or they may be more advanced for experienced participants to gain further knowledge or skills, or new perspectives.	All delegates
Introductory Workshops	An integrated set of four 90-minute interactive workshops designed to introduce newcomers to the fundamental principles and approach of the CDIO Initiative: More details overleaf.	All delegates, but particularly those new to CDIO
Working Groups	Much of the collaborative development of the CDIO Initiative is carried out by the Working Groups. These groups typically include 5-10 members with a common interest; collaborating over an extended period; both at and between the regular meetings and conferences. At these conference sessions the working groups share progress and continue their collaboration activity.	Working Group members (plus anyone wanting to find out more or join)
Roundtables	Informal discussions on a topic proposed by a roundtable facilitator. The goal of a roundtable discussion can be, for example, to generate ideas for a particular problem facing engineering educators or to collaborate on a new advancement within CDIO.	All delegates
CDIO 2028 Host Presentation	CDIO member schools present their proposals to host the 2028 Conference.	All delegates
CDIO Council Meetings	Formal meetings on governance, strategy, membership decisions, event planning, and the CDIO Action Plan. The purpose is to administer, coordinate and enhance all activity across the CDIO Initiative.	CDIO Council members only
CDIO Regional Meetings	The community divides into the seven geographic regional group meetings to network; to discuss regional challenges and emerging issues; to initiate collaborative activity; to plan future regional events; and to consider new member applications	All delegates from each region

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Introductory Workshop Programme

This set of four 90-minute interactive workshops designed to introduce newcomers to the fundamental principles and approach of the CDIO Initiative. The sessions are highly interactive and are an ideal chance to meet other delegates. The sessions are devised and facilitated by a team of highly experienced CDIO practitioners:

- **Session 1: Impact and Benefits of CDIO Approach to Engineering Education:** Participants will gain an overview of how the CDIO approach can enhance engineering programmes and student learning, supported by practical examples, case studies, and useful CDIO resources.
- **Session 2: Using the CDIO Standards in Education Development:** Participants learn to interpret and apply the standards to their teaching practices
- **Session 3: Using the CDIO Syllabus in Education Development:** Participants practise linking syllabus elements to their course design and educational development initiatives
- **Session 4: CDIO Collaboration and Community:** Participants will explore the collaborative activities in CDIO and their benefits; and will be able to devise a timeline for their own adoption of CDIO.

These four workshops have been designed as an integrated *Introductory Programme* and participants will benefit most if they attend all four sessions. Sessions 1-3 are scheduled throughout Monday and Session 4 is at the end of Wednesday.

Wednesday 24th June – A Late Start

You might have noticed from the programme that the first conference session doesn't begin until 10.30 on Wednesday. We have built this free time into your schedule so you might enjoy the University pool and gym; take a walk or coffee with friends; or just sleep in! We will provide information on possible walking routes, coffee shops and other activities.

Thursday 25th June 08.30 – 10.00 - Campus Tours

A popular feature of the CDIO Conference are always the campus tours. In groups of around 20 you will take a guided tour of the School of Engineering with a focus on learning spaces and examples of CDIO in Action. Tours will depart Teaching Hub 502 at 08.30



The FIFA World Cup

Every four years the CDIO Conference coincides with the FIFA World Cup, and we know many of you will want to watch your national team in action. Kick off times vary between 17.00 and 04.00 in the UK which might cause you some logistical problems. We will provide you with a list of venues showing live games during the conference.