



# THE UKAPP CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT

Albert Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AA

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# **Code of conduct**

## Code of conduct for Attendees: (By attending the conference, you are agreeing to abide to the following)

#### All Attendees must abide by the following:

No one under the age of 18 is permitted on the conference floor (this includes babies and toddlers).

Anyone on the conference floor must have a conference pass on their person AT ALL TIMES. Not having it will mean you are not admitted into classrooms and/or vendor area.

You may NOT take any videos or record audio during classes. Please ask speakers if taking photos is permitted before doing so. Attendees are expected to allow speakers to carry out their class, and to be respectful and not disrupt classes. If a speaker asks you to speak to them with your questions after the class has finished, you MUST respect this. Further disruptions could mean ejection from the class, and this could lead to expulsion from the conference.

Please ask vendors before taking photos/videos of their stalls and stock.

Food is not permitted in the conference space – so please eat before attending classes (drinks are OK), but please keep our space clean and tidy and use the bins provided).

Anyone ejected from the conference for ANY reason will not have their conference pass/vendor cost reimbursed.

Please respect other conference attendees, their privacy and personal space. Security will be notified of anyone who behaves in an aggressive or abusive manner. If you feel that another conference attendee is behaving inappropriately in ANY way, please inform a volunteer or UKAPP board member – we will deal with any reports of aggression or abuse on a case-by-case basis, but we will take any and all allegations very seriously. If you or another attendee is in immediate danger, call the emergency services (police, ambulance or fire brigade) on 999.

ANY comments or remarks deemed to be racist, sexist or otherwise threatening and/or distressing will result in expulsion from the conference without refund.

You are representing our industry to the public, so your personal conduct must show us in a positive light.

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You understand that your attendance does not make you a UKAPP Member. That UKAPP does not endorse the piercing abilities or qualifications of any piercer. That UKAPP does not "certify" any member or non-member, studio, or piercer.

Anyone seen or known to be 'Trading' (selling goods or treatments of any description) to other attendees, other than registered vendors, will be ejected from the conference without a refund.

Anyone seen or known to be using any illegal substances while in the venue will be ejected without refund.

Please respect our hosts – the venue has gone above and beyond for us to make this event fun, safe and educational, so we ask that you treat the venue and its staff with respect at all times.

Anyone acting inappropriately and not abiding by this code of conduct may be asked to leave the conference. Anyone who is asked to leave will not be able to attend conference for 3 years – and any further complaints against this person may result in a lifetime ban. We take the safety of all our attendees VERY seriously.

#### Specific requirements for attendees:

You are expected to bring with you a photo (on your phone is fine) of your personal registration from the council and a screenshot of your payment from your ticket purchase and have valid photo ID on you in case we need you to prove who you are. We remind you that this conference is for licenced/council registered piercers ONLY. If you cannot prove you are a licenced/council registered piercer, you will not be admitted and you will not have any refund or reimbursement offered.

Plan your time – arriving ahead of schedule will mean you get the most out of your time and allow adequate time to familiarise yourself with the floor plan. Late admittance/early exit from a class will result in you not being credited for it.

Handouts are at the discretion of the speakers. If your speaker states there is a handout, then they must either provide it or take an email address to send it to you after conference – we encourage note-taking in all classes!

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#### Recommendations to get the most out of your time at conference:

Plan your day! We encourage you to plan out what classes you will be taking so you can move between them quickly. Obviously, it is not possible to attend EVERY class, but please note that some classes this year are going to be given twice – so if you can't make one of the times, you may be able to make the other! Some classes have also been on in previous conferences, thus giving new attendees – or attendees who missed a specific class last year – chance to take it this time around. Ask a volunteer or board member if you'd like to know which classes are repeats.

This year we will be asking you to pre-register interest in classes. This is to allow us to allocate the room with the adequate capacity. Registering your interest is not reserving a space in that class.

There are some gaps in the timetable to allow attendees time to shop in the vendor space, and to leave the venue to get food (snacks and drinks will be available in the foyer) – we highly recommend planning a lunch break into your day! Please use the conference space to socialize and have 'piercer hangs' with other attendees between classes too and remember to take plenty of pics – we're using #UKAPPconference on social media!

STAY SAFE! If roaming in our host city, please stay in well-lit areas and travel in groups. For taxis we recommend Uber for low cost transport. The postcode for the venue (Albert Hall Nottingham) is NGI 5AA.

### Please read through out Nottingham Travel Guide and our Accessibility documents for further information.

If you need anything during your conference, please speak to a volunteer or board member.



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