

Bursary information 2026

The [Charity Retail Conference 2026](#) takes place at ICC Wales, Newport on Tuesday 23 - Wednesday 24 June. This year's theme is 'Stronger together: community-powered retail' and as always, it provides a valuable opportunity for delegates to update their knowledge and **learn more** about the sector. The conference offers interactive focus sessions, an exhibition, drinks reception, awards dinner, and lots of opportunities to network.



To ensure the experience is relevant and valuable for all our delegates we also offer several focus sessions aimed specifically at smaller charities and hospices, as well as those new to charity retailing. On the programme this year we have:

- The power of creative visual merchandising
- Creative recruitment
- The inclusion dividend

And many more!

The Charity Retail Association and [Kudos Software Ltd](#) are offering **15 bursaries** to those from charities or hospices with **five shops or fewer** that need financial assistance. Each bursary will cover the following:

- **Half the fees for a full 2-day ticket**
- **All meals and refreshments**
- **Attendance to the Wednesday dinner and awards ceremony**

Bursary winners from CRA membership are required to pay £185 + VAT towards their place. Non-members pay £240 + VAT.

Full member rate excluding VAT is £370 and non-member rate excluding VAT is £480.

If you are interested in attending our Charity Retail Conference and would like to apply for a bursary place, please read the selection criteria below and the full terms and conditions at the bottom of this document.

- **Bursaries are available to those who work in charity retail**
- **Your charity must run five or fewer charity shops**
- **This is the first year you personally are attending the conference**
- **Only one delegate per charity may apply**
- **Both members and non-members of the CRA may apply**

The deadline for applications is **Thursday 7 May 2026**. Winners will be notified by **Monday 11 May 2026**.

About the Venue

Our Conference this year is being held at the [International Convention Centre Wales](#), the UK's newest events venue. ICC Wales is a fantastic sustainable venue, surrounded by woodland, well connected for travel and just a short walk from a variety of nearby accommodation*.

**Please note that accommodation is not included.*

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Our motto? Simply doing more. And that's exactly what we bring to the table with expert project management and a dedicated support team always ready to help.

We'd love to hear about your charity's goals for the year! Come and chat with our team at the conference - we're here to help you make an even bigger impact.



Proudly providing 15 bursary places at the 2026 conference

Bursary winners 2025



Full terms & conditions (continued on next page)

- Bursaries are available to those who work in charity retail
- Only representatives of charities running **five** or fewer charity shops as of 1 April 2026 are eligible to apply
- This must be the first year **you** are attending the conference
- Only **one** delegate per charity may apply
- Both members and non-members may apply
- The bursary covers half the delegate fee at the conference for a 2-day delegate ticket, including session attendance, all meals and refreshments, the awards drinks reception and dinner - accommodation is not included
- Bursary winners are required to pay 50% towards their place. Payment must be received by **Friday 19 June 2026** or you may forfeit your place
- The bursary **does not** cover any related costs of attending the conference, e.g. travel
- Any application received after the closing date on **Thursday 7 May 2026** may not be considered

- Each application will be assessed individually by the Charity Retail Association whose decision will be final
- If you are a successful bursary applicant but have already paid the full delegate fee, the Association will refund half your delegate fee
- Bursary recipients will be notified by **Monday 11 May 2026**
- By completing the Bursary application form you agree to have a photograph taken with the sponsor at the conference which will be used by the sponsor and the Association for marketing and promotional purposes. Photographs will be taken at the conference at a time to be confirmed with the bursary sponsor.
- Apply online [here](#)