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Conference for wargaming professionals

Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) Old College





OUR MISSION

to advance and sustain the art, science and application of wargaming

In line with that, the purpose of this year's conference is to bring on the next generation of professionals and help practitioners cross the 'practitioner desert'. Hence, the conference will be primarily aimed at practitioners and users of wargames and serious games. However, enthusiastic newcomers are always welcome! Connections UK offers a safe-to-fail (and fun!) environment where you, your games and gaming concepts can develop in the company of some of the best gamers from around the world. Conference content includes:

1. 'This is not a game'. A massive meta game developed by the Connections UK team about the challenges and opportunities in the professional wargaming industry. This will bring people together to learn, play and network.
2. A hands-on Games Fair, which will provide an opportunity to practise your art and develop and playtest games.
3. Plenaries addressing the development of the wargaming capability and capacity.
4. Continuing professional development sessions featuring, for example:
 - a. The skills required for effective facilitation.
 - b. The relationship between wargaming and red teaming.
 - c. 'Wargames without war.'
 - d. The Connections Next Generation team considering diversity of design and rulebook evolution.
 - e. Designing to a purpose.
5. Deep dives featuring, for example, wargaming influence, wargaming urban operations and how industry can support UK gaming.
6. And much more! Plus, of course, plenty of time for networking!

Cost

The conference will cost £299 for all three days. This will include a hot lunch and afternoon tea each day.

Registration

Venue capacity is limited. Please register as soon as you can via the link or QR code.

RMAS

RMAS does not offer accommodation, but there are plenty of reasonably priced hotels nearby. The RMAS postcode is GU15 3PL, and you will find an interactive map on the registration page. The grounds of RMAS are large, so a car is recommended. Find out more about RMAS and Old College at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst - Wikipedia

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More details about Connections UK, including a comprehensive record of previous conferences, is at <https://professionalwargaming.co.uk/>



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