



MEDIA ACCESS POLICY

What is this document?

This document outlines Aberacon's policy on media access to the convention: how media outlets may request access, our rules on the level of access granted and what they allow, and what is allowed without seeking prior permission from Aberacon.

Who is this document for?

Board members, members of the media, attendees.

Definitions:

Throughout this document "media" is taken to mean any media outlet or representative of a media outlet, be that print, radio, television or online in any form.

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Aberacon and the media:

We understand that there may be media interest in Aberacon. Aberacon is private and for the entertainment of our attendees only. We do not generally engage with other organisations (except any charity partners) or undertake educational activities about our community and its members.

Therefore, in the interest of the privacy of our attendees, we do not typically grant access to members of the media to our convention or venue. We advise our attendees not to engage with unsanctioned media presence at our venue and to report this immediately to a member of staff. For the safety and comfort of our attendees, we enforce a strict policy to manage media access to our convention.

Who can apply for media access?

Only journalists with a current press card from one of the UK gatekeeping organisations may apply for media access to Aberacon.

These organisations are:

- British Association of Journalists (BAJ)
- BBC Press Cards
- Broadcasting, Entertainment, Communications and Theatre Union (BECTU)
- British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS)
- British Press Photographers' Association (BPPA)
- Channel 4
- Chartered Institute of Journalists (CIOJ)
- Council of Photographic News Agencies (CPNA)
- Event & Visual Communication Association (EVCOM)
- Foreign Press Association (FPA)
- GBN
- The Guild of Television Camera Professionals (GTC)
- ITN
- ITV
- Local TV Network
- NAPA
- News Media Association (NMA)
- National Union of Journalists (NUJ)
- Professional Publishers Association (PPA)
- Thomson Reuters
- Sky News
- STV

PLEASE NOTE THAT POSSESSION OF A CURRENT PRESS CARD ISSUED BY ONE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS DOES NOT ENTITLE THE HOLDER ACCESS TO ABERACON.

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Media Access to Aberacon

Generally speaking, we do not allow media access to Aberacon, nor do we allow any commercial media activity in our venue. Requests for access should be directed to our general email address: info@aberacon.wales where they will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration. All media access requests must be made no less than two (2) months prior to the first day of Aberacon.

Where access is granted, this will be on a limited basis, the nature of this will be outlined in our written confirmation of access. No access or activity should be carried out without our written confirmation in hand. Should any unauthorised access or activity be identified, it will be required that any media captured, in any format, be deleted and offenders may be removed from the event venue and/or reported for trespassing. Should you have registered with Aberacon as an attendee in order to facilitate unauthorised media access we reserve the right to cancel your registration with immediate effect with no refund of any monies paid or recompense in kind. You will be permanently banned from all future Aberacon events.

Standard Rules for Media Access (Where Granted)

Where we grant access to members of the media, the following rules will always apply unless specifically waived in writing by the Board of Directors:

- Any permission is granted as strictly time, location, and purpose limited.
- Any activity must not disrupt the convention.
- Any activity must not cause distress to attendees.
- Any Aberacon attendee has the right to object to being included in any media and to request their exclusion from such activities. Any such request must be observed and actioned immediately upon receipt in any form.
- The organisers of any panel or event taking place within Aberacon have the right to deny access to their panel or event.
- No media access will be granted under any circumstances to the Auction or Artists' and Authors' Alley and no media of any kind may be obtained from these.
- All media obtained at Aberacon may only be used in one continuous article or segment specifically relating to Aberacon and Aberacon only.
- All members of the media must wear a black lanyard and an Aberacon Press Badge. The lanyard will be marked with "PRESS | GWASG". This will be provided by Aberacon. This must be returned on leaving the event.
- All members of the media must have their press card with them at all times whilst at Aberacon.
- All members of the media must have the Board of Directors' written confirmation of their access with them at all times whilst at Aberacon.

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Media Contact with Attendees

If an attendee is contacted by the media, we recommend and advise that this contact is redirected to Aberacon's general email address: info@aberacon.wales where we can appropriately manage any requests. Aberacon strongly advises you not to engage with any such requests personally.

Personal Recording by Attendees

Aberacon allows attendees to make video recordings and take photographs. This is for personal and non-commercial use only. See §11 of the Aberacon Code of Conduct.

There are exceptions for specifically requested and paid for photoshoots organised by attendees themselves. Both the photographer and those involved must be registered attendees at Aberacon. Such photoshoots do not require prior written permission but must abide by the rules laid out in the policy and Aberacon's Code of Conduct.

We also allow attendees to create non-monetised content for their own personal YouTube, TikTok or other video sharing channels. This also does not require prior written permission and will need to comply with this policy and Aberacon's Code of Conduct.

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