BGA Club Development Conference
Sunday 18th October 2026

Provisional Programme

Eastwood Hall, Nottingham NG16 3SS

Time	
8.30	Registration opens
	Plenary sessions in Lawrence (main)
9.00	**Introductions by the BGA Development Committee** Paul Jessop, Dave Latimer (Chair) & Alison Randle
9.10	**Welcome** George Metcalfe, BGA Chairman
9.20	**BGA News** Pete Stratten, BGA Chief Executive
9.35	**Creating & Sustaining Great Gliding Clubs** Dave Latimer, Chair, BGA Development Committee with contributions from others, including Al Rosser, Service Delivery Director & CFI at Aerobility
10.25	**BGA Perspective & Strategy** George Metcalfe, BGA Chairman
10.45	Coffee break

	Topic	Junior Gliding		Club Financial Management	Instructor Development & Operations Management	Technical Officer Workshop
	Room Leads	Claire Emson, Lorna Sleigh with Karon Matten		David Howse et al	Rose Johnson et al	Gordon Macdonald
11.15 (50 mins)	Tips for Being a Welcoming and Inclusive Club Al Rosser, Aerobility	Great Gliding for Young People	Alien Checks etc Marilyn Hood & Suzanne Robinson Expanding Horizons	Club Financial Management	Pilot & Instructor Development Operations Management	Club Technical Officers Workshop
12.10 (50 mins)	The Practicalities of Welcoming New Members Alison Randle and Club Slot	Great Gliding for Young People	Child Protection Karon Matten	Club Financial Management	Pilot & Instructor Development Operations Management	
13.00					13.15	13.15

Lunch Break

14.15	**Safety update** Tim Freegarde					Club Technical Officers Workshop
14.35	**Alternatives to Flying Solo** tbc					
14.55	**Accessing Community Funding** Suzanne Robinson & Club Slot					
15.25	Tea break					
15.55 (60 mins)	Something topical tbc	Great Gliding for Young People	Community Funding Opportunities Marilyn Hood & Suzanne Robinson Expanding Horizons	Club Financial Management	Pilot & Instructor Development Operations Management	Club Technical Officers Workshop
17.00	**Close** Dave Latimer & George Metcalfe					
17.15	Ends					