



Guide for Caregivers

@SASE Conference 2025 in Montreal

One of our goals as the Women and Gender (WAG) Forum of SASE is to make academia as inclusive as possible. This also means caring for those who are vulnerable in our community. One such vulnerable group is people who have caring responsibilities that often cannot be easily transferred to other people. We want you to know that we see you and that we are open to suggestions on how to make the conference experience more comfortable for you. We know that this is no small feat given the inadequacies of academia for people with caring responsibilities, but we hope that the guide below will help you to navigate the conference more easily.

First of all, a general remark: children are part of our societies and therefore welcome at our conference. Although the responsibility remains with you, we welcome both laughter and tears - in keeping with this year's theme of "Inclusive Solidarities".

Organizational:

- **Room:** there will be a room specifically for children and their carers; this does not mean that you will be confined to this room, but that you will be able to use it as you wish, for example to change nappies, feed your little ones, meet other parents or simply take a break; it is centrally located and has various facilities (a fridge, a microwave, comfortable furniture, an electric kettle and maybe some toys).
- **Welcome reception and conference dinner:** children are welcome at these evening events. They do not need a ticket for the conference dinner if they join you there. Note that there will not be specific amenities for children, but the menu includes child-friendly options.
- **Access to venue:** if you have a babysitter with you, they will also have access to the conference venue; please contact sasestaff@sase.org and they will be issued a badge.
- If you need to provide **lunch** at the conference venue for your caretaker, you can purchase a discounted lunch voucher at registration. Please email sasestaff@sase.org to arrange this.

Last but not least, if you have any requests or needs, please contact the registration desk or any of the WAG Forum committee members - we will do our best to help you during the conference.

Thank you very much for attending the conference - your experiences are vital for making science not only more inclusive but also of higher quality!