



Dear Friends

We look forward to welcoming you to the DRAE conference from the 19 – 24 June 2019 at Queen Margaret University (QMU), Edinburgh. Below is some information for you for travelling and making arrangements which we hope that you will find helpful.

Contact details in case of emergency

English speakers +44 75 23 39 80 92 (this will be held by a member of the Planning Group).
German speakers contact Martin Vogler telephone number +41 79 656 49 41.

TRANSPORT

Arrival at Edinburgh Airport on 19 June

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT WEARING BLUE T-SHIRTS BEARING THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND LOGO



Buses

Bus 100 runs from Edinburgh Airport to Waverley Train station £7.50 open return and £4.50 (single)

<https://bustimes.org/services/100-edinburgh-airport-edinburgh>

Buses 30 and 45 from Princes Street (city centre) to QMU. £1:70. (Exact money required - pay on bus).

<https://www.lothianbuses.com/>

Trains

Trains run from Waverley Station on Princes Street to Musselburgh Station (next to QMU). Tickets purchased in station. <https://www.scotrail.co.uk/tickets/railcards>

Trams

Trams run from airport to City Centre. Tickets for trams cost £6 single and £8:50 return and can be purchased at a card machine on the station platform.

Taxis

Taxi from Edinburgh Airport to QMU will cost approximately £35. Please consider sharing with other delegates.

Car Parking at QMU

There are no car parking restrictions on campus during the summer months so anybody that wishes to park in the campus car park ("8" on the campus map) may do so. There will be no charge for this and we do not require registration numbers.

<https://www.qmu.ac.uk/location-and-getting-here/> .

If entitled, accessible parking spaces are located closer to the accommodation and main building.



REGISTRATION

Please note that Registration begins on 19 June 2019 at 2pm at Queen Margaret University, Please register first at the registration desk which will be located close to the entrance of the academic building (“A” on the campus map **attached**). After registering we will then direct you to the accommodation reception (“B” on the map **attached**) where you will be given your room keys and directed to your accommodation.

Only DRAE Exec, Scottish Planning Group and delegates who have indicated earlier arrivals prior to the 19 June at 2pm, should go directly to the accommodation office (“B” on the map **attached).**

Please be aware that the first meal that will be provided at the conference will be on the Wednesday evening dinner, all meals/refreshments before Wednesday evening 19 June and after breakfast on 24 June are at your own expense. (Except breakfast for those who have booked any extra accommodation).

Catering outlet opening times –

Shop – 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Starbucks – 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday

Students Union – 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

None of these services are open at the weekend.

PLEASE NOTE THAT QMU PROVIDES BED LINEN & TOWELS, please bring your own hair dryer & toiletries. Please don't forget your adaptor for the UK-electricity (when needed).

PROGRAMME REMINDERS

Translation

Please make sure to return your receiver when advised so it can be recharged during the night. Any loss or damage to a receiver costs £200 and this would be charged to the person concerned.

Bible Studies

Please read the Old Testament story of Esther as this will form the backdrop to our Bible Studies led by John Bell.

Plenary Sessions will explore the following questions.

- What is the emerging shape of ministry in your context, for such a time as this?
- How can we address Global climate change: questions, solutions and the Church's role for such a time as this?

The Heart & Soul Swing Band.



Please note that there will be an opportunity to give a donation (£) in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.



THURSDAYS IN BLACK

We have an opportunity to support the World Council of Churches campaign when we meet together. The campaign is simple but profound. Wear black on Thursday to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you. Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a colour of resistance and resilience

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/thursdays-in-black>

Saturday

The programme on Saturday is free time for most of the day, we hope that this will give you an opportunity to explore Edinburgh and the surrounding areas, please note that on Saturday only breakfast and dinner will be provided, you will be responsible for providing your own lunch and refreshments. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU RETURN TO QUEEN MARGARET UNIVERSITY BY 4PM SO THAT YOU ARE READY FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Formal Dinner

We will be celebrating 25 Years of DRAE on Sunday 23 June and there will be a formal dinner. This might be an occasion where dress could represent your country or be more celebratory.

DEPARTURES

We need to ensure that we have vacated the Rooms **by 10am** on Monday 24 June 2019, (except those who have booked any extra accommodation). Please make sure

- that you have not left anything behind,
- that you remove all paperwork from the cork notice board in your room,
- to hand in ROOM KEYS/CARDS at the office/reception desk as you leave,
Please note that there will be a charge to you if you forget to hand this in.

Wishing you safe travels and looking forward to welcoming and hosting you as we meet together as servants in Christ in June.

Marion

Marion Stewart
Church of Scotland Diaconate President.