

Dear Colleague

SRHE Newer Researchers Conference

New communities, spaces and places: inspiring futures for higher education

6/7 December 2011

Celtic Manor Resort, Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport, South Wales, UK

I am pleased to write with information for the above event which covers joining instructions and provides you with pre event information to help you plan your Conference.

Access to the full conference programme, the timetable of presentations, the abstracts and all venue details and directions is on the website at this hyperlink:

<http://www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2011>

Some of you will be attending both the Newer Researchers conference and the three day conference (7-9 December) event that follows. The information here relates solely to the Newer Researchers Conference; you will receive conference information on the ARC event separately.

Please note that Registration and the opportunity to network with colleagues will run from 9.45am to 10.15am with the formal programme starting promptly at 10.15am. On arrival at the hotel please go to the Hotel Reception and ask for the Beaumaris Suite, level C2.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel

The Celtic Manor Resort is set in 1400 acres of panoramic parkland in the beautiful Usk Valley, just off the M4 Motorway(exit at J24), only 90 minutes from London Heathrow, 45 minutes from Bristol and Cardiff-Wales International Airport and 5 minutes from the Severn Bridge. We are located close to inter city rail services at Newport, with direct trains to Cardiff, London Paddington, and Birmingham.

From the airports:

Heathrow

Take the Heathrow Express Train to **Paddington Station**. From Paddington take the train to **Newport Gwent**.

Cardiff

Either takes the train from **Cardiff Central Station** to **Newport Gwent Station** or take a taxi from **Cardiff airport** to **Celtic Manor**, We have negotiated a taxi fare from **Cardiff airport** to **Celtic Manor** at a cost of £60. To pre- book visit their website: <http://www.cardiff-airport-taxis.co.uk> and quote "SRHE conference"

By Train

There are taxis from **Newport Gwent station** to **Celtic Manor Resort**. This is a 15 minute journey and the fare should be around £8.00. To pre book Dragon Taxis + 44 (0)1633 216216

By Car

For those arriving by car, exit the M4 Motorway at Junction 24 (the resort is clearly visible from here). There is a large car park at the Resort; there is no need to reserve a parking space and it is free of charge.

Those of you who have booked accommodation for the 7th and are arriving by car you are kindly requested to leave your luggage in the car until you check in to your room.

For more information on travel options please see the Celtic Manor Resort website.

<http://www.celtic-manor.com/location.aspx>

Arrival Prior to the formal start of conference

For delegates arriving before Monday 6th December, please check in on arrival at the Celtic Manor Resort Reception desk. Your bedroom will be reserved in your name. If you wish to have a meal at the Resort there are a number of excellent options on site.

Delegates arriving on the 6th Dec

If you are arriving on the day please give yourself as much time as possible to arrive at the venue to ensure that you can take full advantage of the day particularly the networking opportunity afforded during registration and refreshments to meet with colleagues and plan your day.

If you have booked accommodation for the 5th or 6th you will be able to check into your room from 4pm. Luggage can be securely stored with the Concierge at the Hotel reception desk until your room is available.

Hotel Spa and Leisure facilities

The Resort is known for its excellent Health and Spa club facilities. They are free of charge to delegates and accompanying persons. Accompanying persons who wish to play golf can book online at www.celtic-manor.com/golf.aspx

PROGRAMME

Day One 6th December

Conference Registration 09.00am to 10.15am – Beaumaris Suite Level C2

During the Registration period we will be posting delegates' "... would like to meet ..." cards on notice boards in the refreshments area. The card will ask for your name, your institution, your presentation title (if applicable) and details of your research interests and contacts you would like to make. During the drinks reception the cards will be put into a prize draw. We hope that this will prove a fun way of seeking out and meeting colleagues throughout the day who have similar research interests to your own, - and who knows this may lead to future collaborative research!

WELCOME

The conference formally opens promptly at 10.15hrs with a welcome from the Co-Chair of Conference, and the Director of the Society, Helen Perkins. The Keynote Address from Dr Paul Ashwin will start at 10.30am.

End of Day One

At 7pm following the day's Drinks Reception (18.00 to 19.00pm) we hope that you will be able to

join Co-Chairs of conference, Saranne Weller, Patrick Baughan and Sian Lindsay. This will be held in Merlin's Bar which is the main bar on the Lobby Level. If you are interested in joining the team for supper please leave your name at reception. Unfortunately supper is not included in the conference fee.

Day Two: 7 December

Most of you will be joining us on the second day which starts at 09.00. So it's an early start! Breakfast will be in the Olive Tree restaurant on the Lobby Level from 7.00.

At 9.00 there is a workshop on *Developing your Publication Strategy*. Delegates from the Annual Research Conference which starts on this day have been invited to also join this workshop if they wish.

The second keynote address by Professor_Gr ainne Conole will be at 10.00.

The Annual Research Conference starts at 11.30am in the Caernarfon Suite on Level C1 with a welcome address from the Chair of Conference and the Director of the SRHE. The keynote address is at 11.45. You are welcome to join the main conference lunch from 12.45-14.00.

Attached to this email you will find:

- The Conference Programme "At a Glance" noting all the key areas of the Programme including presentation sessions

Finally, you will have received an email asking you to join the Newer Researchers' Conference Network at www.srhe.info We hope this proves to be a valuable forum to exchange ideas, pre, during and post conference.

We look forward to seeing you at this event and hope that between now and the conference you will find that you have all the information you need to ensure that you have a productive and enjoyable time at conference this year.

Yours sincerely

Francois Smit
SRHE Event Organiser