

Dear Colleague

SRHE Newer Researchers Conference

Inspiring future generations; embracing plurality and difference in higher education

Tuesday 9 December 2014

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.

You can access now the full conference programme, the timetable of presentations, the abstracts and all venue details and directions on the SRHE website at this hyperlink:

<http://www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2014/>

Some of you will be attending both the Newer Researchers conference and the three day ARC conference (10-12 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 on Tuesday 9th December** will run from 9.00am to 10.15am with the formal programme starting promptly at 10.15 am. During this time there will also be the opportunity to start to get to know and network with fellow delegates. The SRHE Conference Registration desk will be situated outside the Beaumaris Suite, on Level C2 of the Convention Centre. On arrival at the hotel please go to the Hotel Reception and ask for the directions to this location which is downstairs from the entrance lobby.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel

The Celtic Manor Resort is 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**.

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

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 are two large car parks at the Resort and there is no need to reserve a space. The visitor car park signposted (which is a 3 minute walk to the hotel reception) is free a charge. The underground car park directly underneath the hotel makes a daily charge

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 Tuesday 9th December who have booked overnight hotel accommodation on Monday 8th December, accommodation is at the **Holiday Inn, Coldra Woods** as previously notified to you: <http://www.holidayinnnewport.co.uk/>.

On arrival in Newport please go directly to this hotel and check in on arrival at your hotel Reception desk. Your bedroom will be reserved in your name.

For all delegates staying at the Holiday Inn free transport has been arranged for you to take you up to the conference venue on the morning of 9 December. All delegates should check out from the Holiday Inn and take their luggage with them. Luggage may then be left at the Celtic Manor concierge either until departure on the 9th December or for those delegates staying on for later check-in at the resort.

Buses from the Holiday Inn Reception to the Celtic Manor will depart at 09.00.

Delegates arriving on the 9 December

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

If you have booked accommodation for the 10th or 11th December you will be able to check into your room at the Celtic Manor Resort 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.

PROGRAMME

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

WELCOME

The conference formally opens promptly at 10.15hrs the Director of the Society, Helen Perkins and the Co-Chairs of Conference. The Keynote Address from Professor Jeroen Huisman will start at 10.30am.

Posters: Some of you have elected to present posters. The poster session will be from 15.30 – 16.30 and has been split into two sessions; Session A (15.30 – 16.00) and Session B (16.00 – 16.30). Please visit the website to see which posters have been allocated to each session. There is a prize for the best poster. A panel of judges will be visiting each poster presenter and will assess your poster against the criteria emailed to you. The award for best poster will be made at the drinks reception at 6.00pm

End of the Day

The Conference ends formally with a drinks reception from 17.45 to 19.00

Following the day's Drinks Reception we hope that all delegates not departing immediately will be able to join Co-Chairs of conference, Sian Lindsay, Mark Kerrigan and Harriet Dismore for an informal supper. This will be held in Merlin's Bar which is the main bar on the Lobby Level. At registration you will be asked if you are interested in joining the team for supper and can reserve a place at this time. Unfortunately supper is not included in the conference fee but SRHE has negotiated a special rate menu for conference delegates offering a range of options to meet different dietary requirements.

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