

Joining instructions

National Conference 2018

27 – 29 March 2018

The Armadillo
Scottish Exhibition Campus
Glasgow



Venue and arrival

Name and address of venue:

SEC Armadillo
Scottish Exhibition Campus
Exhibition Way
Glasgow
G3 8YW

<https://www.sec.co.uk/visitor-information/>

What time does registration start?

Monday

If you're arriving on Monday you can beat the Tuesday morning queues! At this stage time and location are TBC but we can tell you there will be the opportunity to register the day before the event. Anyone who is booked for Monday night will get an email with further details on Monday registration

Tuesday

On Tuesday 27 March, registration will be open in the **SEC Armadillo from 9am**.

Where should I go when I arrive?

Please use the main entrance to the SEC Armadillo where you will be directed to registration.

If you are attending the conference as an Observer or a Balcony Visitor you can use our Express Check-in. Please ask a member of NUS staff (in the navy blue t-shirts) which desk to go to.

Is there somewhere I can store my coat and bag?

There is a cloakroom where you can leave your luggage and other belongings

Will overnight accommodation be provided?

All Delegates are provided with free accommodation on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Conference as long as they have registered by Friday 16 February 2018. Observers and Balcony Visitors can also book

accommodation at an additional cost provided they have registered by the accommodation deadline (16 Feb).

Accommodation the night before can be booked at an additional cost.

Are meals and refreshments provided?

Accommodation arranged by the NUS will include breakfast for the following morning. All dietary requirements received through online registration have been passed to the hotels. If you have any questions during your stay about what is suitable for you to eat, please speak to a member of hotel staff.

All other meals, snacks and refreshments will need to be organised individually.

What time will the event finish?

The conference formally closes at 2pm on Thursday 29 March. The outgoing officers will then do their leaving speeches which are expected to last until no later than 4pm.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

Your student ID card

Parent/Guardian consent form if under 18.

A signed Enabler Protocol if you are being accompanied by an enabler.

A tablet or mobile device if you have one.

Some paper and a pen if you wish to take notes.

Clothes and personal belongings required for three days away from home

Will I be given any conference documents at the event?

We will make available to all delegates a copy of:

- The Order Paper (agenda) and Fringe Guide
- Motions and amendments

All other Conference Documents can be viewed online via the [website](#)

If you require hard copies of Conference Documents, please print these off and bring them with you. All Conference Documents can be viewed at

<http://conference.nusconnect.org.uk>

Accessible printing requests

If you have requested accessible formats as part of your access requirements, please state this on your registration.

Where can I find out more about what happens at National Conference?

You can find some useful tools, information and guides to National Conference on the [Conference Hub](#)

There is also a useful election webinar here on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/xKyL4nFGLeI>

What should I do if I have a problem while I'm at the event?

NUS staff will be available on the Information Point for the duration of conference hours. You can visit the desk or ring them on the conference phone.

If you experience a medical emergency outside of conference hours, please dial 999 as you would usually. You may wish to ring your hotel reception for assistance.

Information about Glasgow

City and Travel
Information

**PEOPLE
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GLASGOW**

This year we are in Glasgow and are working with People Make Glasgow to provide information about the city including things to do and places to go. We'll be adding resources to the website with lots of information to help you make the most of your time in Glasgow.

Lots of information about Glasgow can be found on the [People Make Glasgow](#) website

Travel and Directions

Additional travel information can be obtained from the following:

Websites

www.nationalexpress.co.uk	www.tfl.gov.uk	www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.peoplemakeglasgow.com	www.railcard.co.uk	www.spt.co.uk
www.travelinescotland.com	www.nextbike.co.uk/en	www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map

Telephone

National Rail enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

National Bus enquiries: 0870 608 2608

National Express Coaches: 0990 808 080

Rail Travel to Glasgow

There are two train stations in Glasgow. Glasgow Central is the link to stations in England and Wales. Glasgow Queen Street serves central and northern Scotland. Average times from across the UK are:

Station	Average Journey Time
London	4 hours 10 mins
Birmingham	4 hours
Manchester	3 hours 30 mins
Liverpool	3 hours 40 mins
York	3 hours 30 mins
Edinburgh	50 mins

[Plan your Journey on the National Rail Website](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

We strongly recommend booking your trains as far in advance as possible, especially if you are travelling a long distance. This will significantly reduce transport costs for your delegation.

We aren't able to advise specifically when you should be looking for advance tickets as different train

companies release tickets at different times. For the routes to Glasgow tickets become available up to 24 weeks before the date of travel. [You can check to see when advance tickets are available on this page of the National Rail Enquiries website](#). Depending on the route and time of travel advance tickets can be available event up to a week before you travel so it is always worth checking even if you are booking very close to the date of Conference.

You will also be able to save money with Railcards so you should check if your delegation has railcards before booking them. Railcards usually give 1/3 off the price of a ticket on off peak services. More information can be found at www.railcard.co.uk

Travelling off peak will also save money so you may want to consider booking night before accommodation for your delegation in order for them to travel to the conference off peak. If your journey is partly peak and partly off peak you should consider buying separate tickets so that you only pay peak fares for the part of your journey that is in a peak time.

[There are lots of tips for saving money on train fares on the moneysavingexpert website](#)

Don't forget that your NUS Extra Card entitles you to discounts with train operating companies and on the cost of a 16-25 Railcard. [More information about NUS Extra travel discounts can be found here](#)

Coach Travel to Glasgow

Several coach companies run services to Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station from stations across the UK. [More information can be found on the SPT website](#)

In addition there is a megabus service that goes to Glasgow city centre.

Again, as with train tickets, **we strongly advise you book your tickets as far in advance as is possible**. May coach companies run offers and deals for Coach travel in advance of travel dates so it is worth checking with the coach companies.

In addition, some Coach companies have young persons' coach cards. **Discounts on coach tickets are available with your NUS Extra Card** – [more information here](#).

Travelling from Overseas

Ferry services run regularly from Ireland to the South West of Scotland and the crossing takes approximately two hours. From here you can get an onward connection to Glasgow.

Citylink operate a a bus service (the 923) from Belfast to Glasgow which connects with the Stena Line service at Cairnryan. [More information on this service is here](#)

From Europe ferries connect at Hull and Newcastle where you can get connecting trains through to

Glasgow.

[More information about Ferry services to Scotland can be found here](#)

The closest airport to Glasgow is Glasgow Airport (GLA) and serves many international destinations. The main airport for European cities and budget airlines is Glasgow Prestwick Airport (PIK). Prestwick has its own train station. There are 3 trains per hour on weekdays and the journey to Glasgow Central Station takes around 50 minutes. There is an early morning and late evening express bus service, the X99/X100, which takes an hour. You can book tickets here: [Express Bus Service](#)

[More information about air travel to Glasgow can be found here](#)

Public Transport in Glasgow

The SEC has a dedicated train station (Exhibition Centre) and there is a frequent service running to Glasgow Central. The journey time between these stations is three minutes.

Exhibition Centre station has a lift to access the platform and there is a covered walkway between the station and SEC.

The number 100 bus runs between George Square (north) in Glasgow city centre and the Scottish Event Campus and Riverside Museum (south) and back every 30 minutes. View [timetable](#) for details.

Two other bus services operate to and from the Scottish Event Campus, stopping on Lancefield Street near the Clyde Arc bridge, only 2 minutes' walk from the venues. Full details are available at [X19 Stagecoach timetable](#) and [McGills 23 service timetable](#).

Glasgow is well serviced for Public Transport. As well as the rail link to the SEC there is a bus and subway network for navigating around Glasgow. [Find out more here](#)

Taxi Services

Black Cabs

Glasgow Taxis: 0141 429 7070 www.glasgowtaxis.co.uk – [Wheelchair access info](#)

Cycling in Glasgow

The SEC is accessible via many cycle lanes and paths including one particularly picturesque route that runs alongside the River Clyde. This is Route 75 on the National Cycle Network. [More information can be found on the Sustrans Website](#)

A covered cycle rack is located in the Scottish Event Campus between the SEC Centre and the SEC Armadillo.

Glasgow runs a citywide bike hire scheme and there are stations around the city including at the train station and the SEC. [More info can be found on the NextBike website](#)

Driving to the SEC

Leave the M8 at junction 19 and join the westbound Clydeside Expressway (A814). Westbound on the Expressway (A814) take the cut off for the campus. Turn left at traffic lights and take the right lane to access multi-storey parking. View a [map and directions](#).

Scotland has an extensive motorway network. Glasgow is linked to Edinburgh by the M8 and England via the M74. The M80 connects Stirling to Glasgow, while the M77 connects us to the west coast of Scotland.

Traffic Scotland provides up to date traffic and roadworks information.

The postcode for your satnav is G3 8YW.

Parking

NUS does not have any allocated parking spaces for the event.

The SEC has a multi-storey operated by City Parking LLP. A map and directions are [here](#).

Onsite pay machines are on the ground floor, or level 2 (walkway level) of the car park. Payment can be made by cash or credit/debit card on arrival or before departure.

Tariff Rates in the multi-storey Monday to Sunday are:

- 0-1 hour £4
- 1-12 hours £8
- 12-13 hours £12
- 13-24 Hours £16

Further information is available from the [operator's website](#).

[More information on Parking facilities in Glasgow can be found here](#)
