

University Study Visit

Youth Work and Intercultural Competence

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PACK

Tuesday 18 June 2019 (Arrival Day)

Friday 21 June 2019 (Departure Day)

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Welcome

Congratulations! You are a participant on the University Study Visit: Youth Work and Intercultural Competence, a unique and dynamic Study Visit course involving 22 practitioners from 8 different countries. You were selected because you will play an important role in your organisation back home incorporating new learning in review or existing programmes. There is more to it of course; we also believe that you have an important contribution to offer to the Erasmus+ Programme and that the other participants can learn something from you as well during what will prove to be a valuable opportunity to share and exchange ideas, thoughts, practice and vital information about what is necessary for a successful education and training of youth worker programmes.

Most likely you have also been chosen by your National Agency because you have demonstrated in your application that you have the right motivation to support education and training of youth worker programmes in your countries. You might have also been chosen because of your ability to incorporate international work and intercultural competences and are therefore able to demonstrate the necessary level of commitment and participation to make this study visit a success.

We hope that the Study Visit will not only prove to be valuable but enjoyable as well. By our providing opportunities for you to share your knowledge and experience we hope to help increase your competence in supporting, implementing and promoting education and training of youth worker. For these reasons we are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Please make sure you read this Information Pack carefully before you come as it contains important and useful information about your stay with us. Should you have any questions, suggestions, problems or proposals - please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We will respond as quickly as we can and we look forward to meeting you soon,

Pablo Urech Bedoya, Project Manager Erasmus+ UK National Agency, Ecorys UK Limited

Paul Smyth and Nora Furlong, Trainers

Heather McLaughlin, Event Co-ordinator

Background Information

The University Study Visit: Youth Work and Intercultural Competence

A three-day study visit to universities in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland that offer education and training of youth worker degree programmes.

This study visit will focus on Higher Education institutions and other establishments involved in education and training of youth worker programmes.

The main aim of the Study Visit is to promote international Youth Work and intercultural competence within these institutions. Through linking education and training of youth worker programmes to Erasmus+ Youth, European youth policy and the European Training Strategy, the project also aims towards recognition of Non-Formal Learning and greater professionalisation of Youth Workers and Youth Work training.

The Study Visit is for Youth leaders, Youth policy makers, Youth workers' employers (management level) and Youth researchers working in providing education and training of youth worker degree programmes in Higher Education; hosted by the Erasmus plus National Agencies of the UK and the Republic of Ireland and taking place between Northern Ireland, (UK) and Republic of Ireland.

Aims and objectives

The **overall aim** The University Study Visit: Youth Work and Intercultural Competence is:

- To look at different ways that UK and Irish Youth and Community Work courses incorporate international work and intercultural competence modules
- To share experiences from participants' countries of how international work and intercultural competence are incorporated into Youth and Community Work courses
- To create links between Youth and Community Work faculties and European programmes (particularly Erasmus+), European Youth Policy, and the European Training Strategy

Intentions of the Study Visit

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Study Visit Programme

See reading material in Annex III

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	Tuesday 18/06	Wednesday 19/06	Thursday 20/06	Friday 21/06
Am Session 1 9-11am	Arrival of Participants	Intro's & get to know Present the Intercultural Competence Framework Maynooth University	Depart 8am Travel to Belfast Hotel	Education Authority Rodney Green (International Work) Arlene Kee (Head of Youth Service) Fresh Start Policy, Youth Work and ICC
Coffee			11.00 Coffee	
Am Session 2 11.30-1pm		Lecture by Maurice Devlin European Context; History, Politics & Policy	Debrief Session reflection/ Orientation @ St Peter's Immaculata Youth Centre, Divis	Erasmus + in HE Opportunities Reflection & Close
Lunch			Lunch with local youth workers	Lunch 'The John Hewitt'
Pm Session 3 2-3.30pm		Current Curriculum - How are youth workers trained in Ireland with reference to ICC By Hilary Tierney	Tour of local 'interface' with local youth workers	Depart
Coffee				
Pm Session 4 4-6pm		Nurturing Intercultural Competence in Youth Work Practitioners By Marianne O' Shea	3.30 Ulster University Campus Origins of Youth Work Programme - Prof Sam McCready Current Curriculum - How are youth workers trained in NI with reference to ICC - Dr Susan Morgan (finish at 6.30)	
Dinner	Arrival Dinner 7pm	Case Study - V Local Youth Group	Dinner, 'Made in Belfast'	

Information about the Team

Trainer

Nora Furlong

Nora is a freelance youth worker/ trainer/ educator/ consultant based in the South East of Ireland. She has over 15 years experience in youth work, non formal-education and project management. Nora has a particular interest in areas of health and wellbeing, advocacy, media literacy and Global Citizenship Education. Creative approaches lie at the core of her practice provoking curiosity, critical thinking and a capacity to take action for justice issues.



Trainer

Paul Smyth

Paul has been working in the area of 'community relations' in Northern Ireland for most of his career, particularly in terms of working with young people on issues related to the conflict and training youth workers, teachers and others to do the same. Paul has also worked closely with colleagues in conflict regions around the world. He has been campaigning for many years to highlight the impacts of paramilitary violence on young people and co-founded the 'Stop Attacks Forum'. He has worked closely with the 'Tackling Paramilitarism Programme' - particularly in advising and training youth workers, police officers and others. He previously worked as a trainer in Northern Ireland on the 'Ourselves and Others' project looking at Intercultural Competence in youth work training with students at Ulster University.



Working language

The official working language of the programme will be English.

Arrival: Maynooth, Ireland/ Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

18 June 2019 Participants arrive to Maynooth, Ireland (Dublin International Airport)

19 June 2019 The first part of the Study Visit will take place in Maynooth College

20 June 2019 Participants will travel by minibus from Maynooth to Belfast, N Ireland, UK

21 June 2019 The Study Visit will end with lunch

21 June 2019 Participants will travel by minibus from Belfast to Dublin International Airport

Accommodation Maynooth, Ireland

Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club

Maynooth

County Kildare

Ireland

T: +353 1 629 0909

W: <https://glenroyal.ie>

Accommodation Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

Premier Inn

2-6 Waring Street

Belfast

Northern Ireland, UK

BT1 2DX

T: 0871 527 8070

W: https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/northern-ireland/antrim/belfast/belfast-city-cathedral-quarter.html?cid=GLBC_BELBAR

You will be accommodated in single occupancy Bed & Breakfast. All rooms are ensuite and include complimentary toiletries. There is free WIFI available.

All costs of accommodation and meals outlined in the programme as well as the programme costs will be covered by the organisers. Other costs outside the Study Visit programme, are your responsibility and to be paid by you.

Meeting Venue, Maynooth

The venue for the 19 June 2019 is the School of Education Building on the North Campus (see map in Annex 1). The rooms are on the first floor - SE133 is the main room & SE132.

Dinner 18 June 201, Maynooth, Ireland

Dinner has been arranged for all participants in the restaurant of the Glen Royal Hotel at 19:30 joined by the Study Visit team.

If you arrive later than 19:30 we have arranged that you can eat in the restaurant at a later time. Please advise Heather McLaughlin heather@eurolink-eu.net of your arrival times so we can help make arrangements for you.

Travel Arrangements

Before booking your ticket please contact your National Agency and ask for their procedure – maybe they will support you. In any case you should clarify with the National Agency the reimbursement procedure.

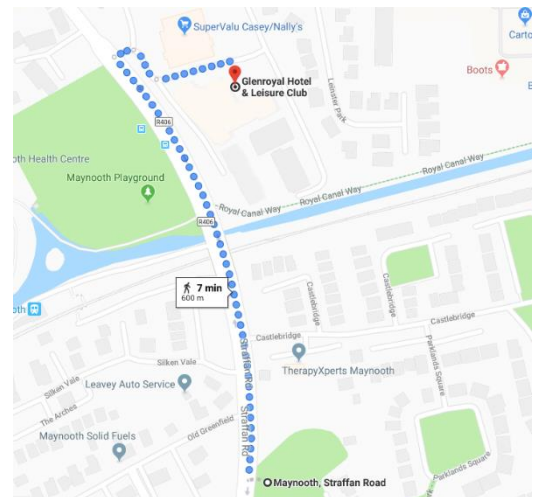
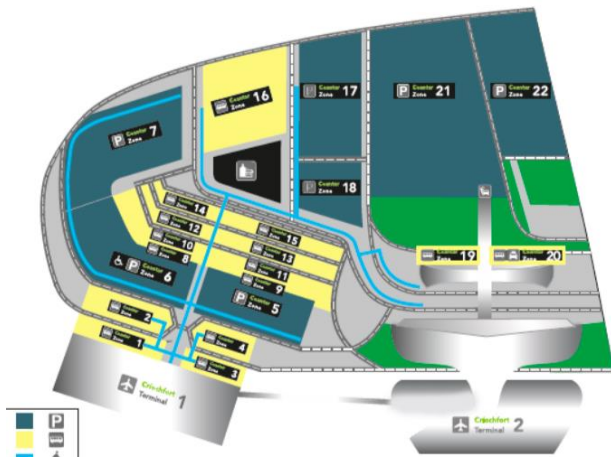
You can use www.skyscanner.net as a useful site for checking flights to and from Ireland. The closest airport is Dublin International Airport <https://www.dublinairport.com>.

As the Study Visit programme will end on the 21 June 2019 at 14:00 it may be possible for you to arrange a return flight from Belfast using Belfast International Airport <http://www.belfastairport.com> or Belfast George Best City Airport <http://www.belfastcityairport.com>

Dublin International Airport to Glen Royal Hotel, Maynooth

From Dublin International Airport there is a bus to Maynooth: Airport Hopper by Dualway.

The bus leaves from Dublin Airport - Coach Park Zone 16.



The bus stops at Maynooth Bus Terminus Staffan Road – opposite the Glen Royal Hotel where we are staying. The journey time is approximately 45 Minutes

Ticket costs €10.00 Bought online using the website <https://airporthopper.ie/fares/>

Please buy only **one way** only as you will travel to Belfast on the 20 June 2019 and we will provide minibus transport from Belfast at 14:00 to arrive at Dublin International Airport at 16:00.

Timetable

Airport to Maynooth

Tour date:

2019-06-18

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Please select departure time:

04:45	05:20	06:20	06:45	07:20	07:50
08:20	08:50	09:20	09:50	10:20	10:50
11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50	13:20	later

Airport to Maynooth

Tour date:

2019-06-18

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Please select departure time:

earlier	13:50	14:50	15:50	16:50	17:50
18:50	19:50	20:50	21:50		

Flying from Belfast International or Belfast City Airport

There are frequent airport buses to both Belfast International Airport and Belfast George Best City Airport from Belfast Europa Bus Station. You will be responsible for travelling to the airport independently although we will help you make arrangements.

Passport

Please make sure that your travel documents (passport) are valid for at least 6 months, if you do not have an EU passport check entry requirement to Ireland and the UK and take care that you have proper insurance (travel health/accident insurance).

Weather and Clothes

The weather in Maynooth, Ireland and Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK in June is changeable with the possibility of showers. Temperature varies but around 18 – 20 degrees and colder in the evening. Part of the Study Visit involves walking around Belfast so please wear comfortable shoes and have a rain coat.

For more information please go to: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2648579>

Currency

The currency in Dublin/ Maynooth, Ireland is Euro.

The currency in Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK) is Sterling (Great Britain Pound).

ATMs are widely available but check any fees or charges with your bank

Exchange rate

€1 = £0.88 at 28 May 2019. For a daily rate please go to: www.xe.com.

Don't forget

You may need an adaptor for any electrical equipment such as mobile phone chargers, laptops, etc. The sockets here are different than in other parts of Europe and use standard 3-pin plugs (see picture).



Allergies, special dietary requirements/ health information

Please advise Heather McLaughlin: heather@eurolink-eu.net with any special requirement, food allergies/intolerances and any further information you feel we need to know should be communicated now please. For those of you who are vegetarian, we are assuming you eat no fish, shell fish or poultry as well as no meat UNLESS you tell us otherwise now. Any health issues that we should be aware of will be kept in strictest confidence, but we would urge you to notify us of anything you consider is important.

Also please provide us with a note of your emergency contact person at home along with their details to include a telephone number with the international dialing code from the UK.

In order to facilitate this please send the attached form (Participant Information Form) to Heather McLaughlin heather@eurolink-eu.net before 3 June 2019.

Costs

This course is financed by the European Erasmus+ programme and, more specifically, by the National Agencies of the UK and other partner countries as well as SALTO Training & Cooperation Resource Centre. Accommodation and full boarding (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be covered by organisers. Your travel expenses will be covered by the National Agency of your own country (please contact them before arranging your travel to confirm this) and we kindly ask you to plan your travel with the most cost effective means of transport available. However, please ensure you have money to cover extra costs, like drinks, telephone, taxi fares, extra nights etc, during free (or non-programme) time.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR BOARDING PASSES, E-TICKETS AND ALL TRAVEL RECEIPTS
– YOU WILL NEED THEM TO CLAIM YOUR COSTS BACK!**

IMPORTANT FOR YOUR REIMBURSEMENT When leaving a train station, please DO NOT put your ticket into the automatic ticket barrier as the machine will retain your ticket. Instead please find the staff member working at the gates and show them the ticket. Explain that you need to keep your ticket as a proof of travel for your expenses. If it is taken by the machine, you may not be able to be reimbursed for the journey.

When booking, please keep the following things in mind:

- Your travel route is from your home to the venue in Maynooth, Ireland and back (if you happen to be travelling from another country because you are perhaps on holiday or at a seminar, etc, please contact your National Agency as soon as possible).
- You have chosen reasonable and economic means of transportation (e.g. cheap airlines, 2nd class trains).
- Your travel dates are according to the dates of the programme (arrival in advance or departure after the programme is possible, but please contact your National Agency for prior approval). To ensure your eligibility for travel reimbursement, please note that the maximum UK stay either side of the activity dates is 48 hours.
- You have a receipt or invoice for the cost of your plane ticket and the boarding cards or the train tickets.
- Find out if someone else is travelling from your country to reduce costs such as taxis and essential car travel due to flight times and public transport issues.

Insurance

Participants should cover their own travel insurance. You can also use European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For more information, please check the following website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=509&langId=en>.

Useful Contact details

If you have any questions regarding logistics or need to get in touch while you are travelling please contact the the Event Coordinator Heather McLaughlin at heather@eurolink-eu.net or text or Whatsapp on +44 (0) 7740469253.

We all very much look forward to welcoming you to Maynooth, Ireland and please don't hesitate to contact us by email if you require any further information.

ANNEX I

Accommodation Maynooth, Republic of Ireland

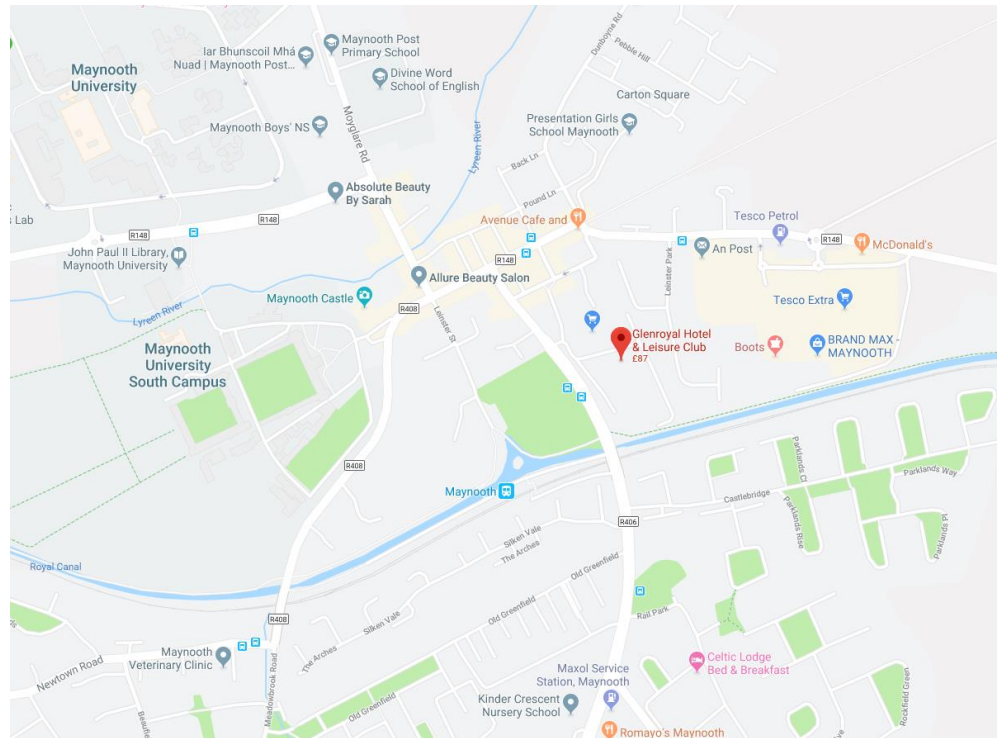
Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club

Maynooth, County

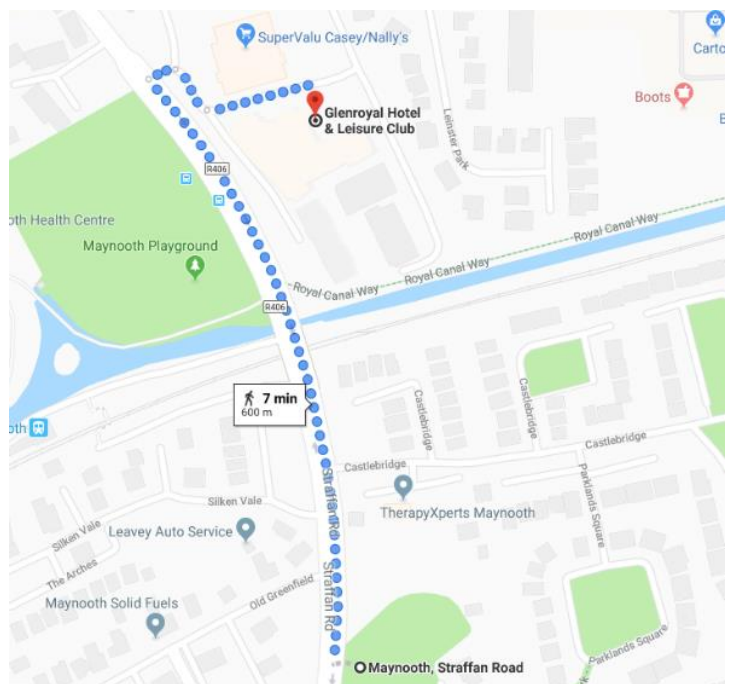
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Bus from Dublin Airport stops at Maynooth Bus Terminus Staffan Road – opposite the Glen Royal Hotel.



ANNEX III

Background Reading

Link to UU Community Youth Programme [HERE](#)

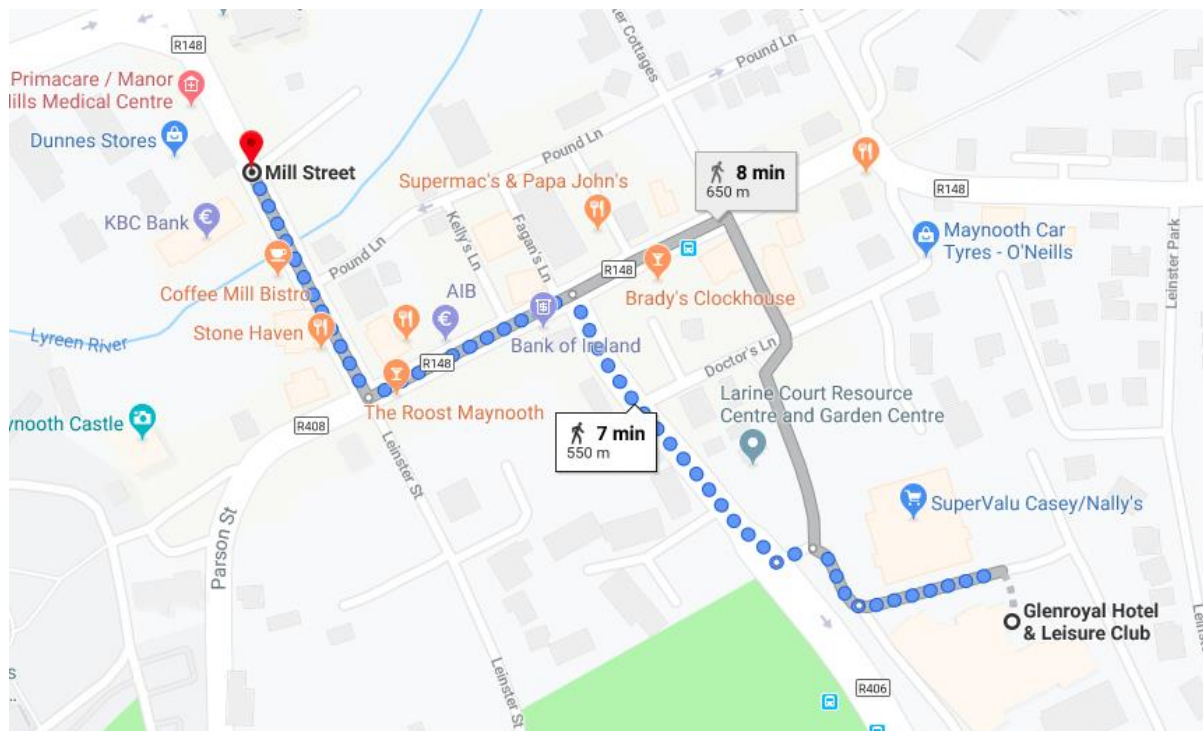
Maynooth Community and Youth Work Programme [HERE](#)

And The [ETS Competence Model](#) with specific focus on Intercultural Competence [HERE](#)

ANNEX IV

19 June 2019 Dinner 19:30

Stonehaven, Mill St, Maynooth



Annex VI

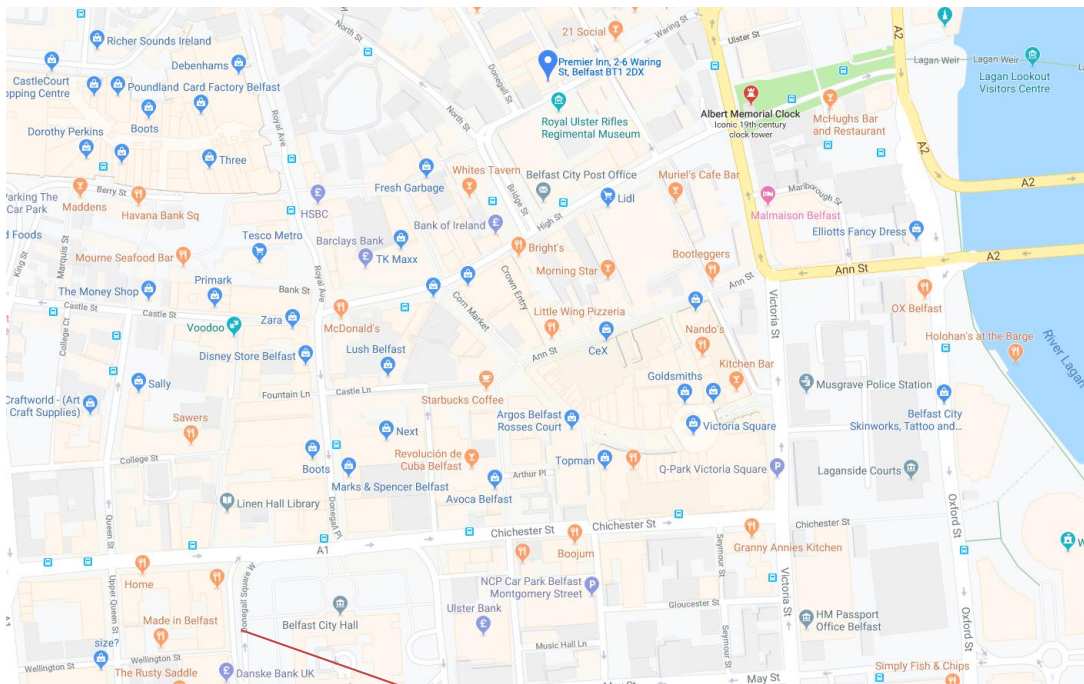
20 June 2019 Accommodation Belfast, Northern Ireland

Premier Inn

2-6 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2DX

T: 0871 527 8070

W: https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/northern-ireland/antrim/belfast/belfast-city-cathedral-quarter.html?cid=GLBC_BELBAR



20 June 2019 Dinner 20:00

Made in Belfast, 1 & 2 Wellington Buildings, Wellington Street, Belfast

Annex VII

21 June 2019 Meeting Venue

British Council Northern Ireland, 7th Floor The Boat, 49 Queen's Square



21 June 2019 Lunch 13:00

The John Hewitt Bar, 51 Donegall St, Belfast BT1 2FH

