



International Conference on Human Ecology, Manchester, UK, June 29th to July 3rd 2009

Instructions for joining the conference Getting there and local arrangements

This document describes how to get from the airport by train to Piccadilly Railway Station and alternatively by bus or taxi to Weston Hall and nearby hotels. It describes the walking route and bus route from the Railways station to the conference venue and to the Weston Hall. It explains the registration arrangements and then gives details of the sessions on Monday 29th June and of how to get to the Lord Mayor's reception at the Town Hall. It warns of the cost of car parking in the city centre and gives information on the excursions on July 3rd.

Travel from the airport to the city centre

Frequent trains (every 5 to 10 minutes) run from The Station at the airport to Piccadilly Railway Station in Manchester. The tickets currently cost £3.10 for an off peak (after 0930) single, one-way ticket and £3.80 for a single ticket available at any time. There are money changing facilities in the arrival halls of all three terminals and automatic ticket machines for the trains at the station. Journey time is 14 to 25 minutes depending on whether or not trains stop at the intermediate stations.

One alternative is the route 43 bus which leaves the Airport bus stations (adjoining the railway station) every 10 minutes during the day and at greater intervals at night. Journey time is about one hour. Alight at Oxford Road railway station and walk along Charles Street to Weston Hall, Days Inn and the Ibis Hotel. It is slightly cheaper than the train.

The other alternative is a taxi from the ranks outside each terminal. The fare to Charles Street and Sackville Street in the daytime would be about £15 and at night closer to £20.

Getting from Piccadilly Railway Station to the conference venue (the Renold Building) and to Weston Hall

On arrival go to the main concourse and follow the signs for taxis. Take the escalator down two levels to the taxi rank area. Turn right and cross the main London Road at the traffic lights, then turn immediately left and cross Fairfield Street. Continue about 30 metres down London Road and turn right into Granby Row. Follow Granby Row until you see an open area with ramps and steps going down below the railway viaduct. Follow these down to Altrincham Street immediately the other side of the viaduct and turn right. The Renold Building is then across a footbridge to your left. This entrance is at the C floor level where the registration desk will be and where the main plenary session lecture theatre is located.

For Weston Hall walk along Granby Row to the first main road, Sackville Street, turn left and walk under the railway to the next turning left which is Charles Street where Weston Hall is located.

One alternative is to use the Oxford Road Link Route 147 bus that you can board at the bus stop on Fairfield Street beyond the taxi rank at Piccadilly station (see map at the end of the document). It leaves every 10 minutes and has a flat fare of 50 pence. You can alight at either Sackville Street for the Renold Building or Charles Street for Weston Hall. The other alternative is to take a short taxi ride.

Car Parking close to the Conference Venue

There is a car park on Charles Street. The cost for all day parking is around £10. If coming by car on the motorway system, it may be more convenient to park at the Metrolink park and ride near the M602 junction 2 at Ladywell, near Eccles, and take the tram to St. Peter's Square and walk down Princess Street to Charles Street.

Registration

The registration desk will open on Monday 29th June 2009 at 12 noon on C floor of the Renold Building. It will be open until 1830 p.m. day.

On June 30th and July 1st and 2nd, the registration desk will be open from 0845 to 1300.

Sessions on Monday 29th June

Participants are reminded that the sessions start at 1300 on 29th June. The events that afternoon are:

1300-1600 Room H008 in the Sackville Building PhD student workshop:

Research strategies and academic writing

In parallel with

1300-1430 C2 Lecture Theatre: Special workshop on economic roots of the environmental crisis and their links to human ecology

1430-1530 C2 Lecture Theatre: Special workshop on the crisis for university human ecology

1545-1645 C2 Lecture Theatre: Special workshop and discussion on global urban planning needs

The opening plenary address by Dr. Anna Tibaijuka is at 1700 in Lecture Theatre C2.

The Lord Mayor's Reception begins at 1915 sharp in Manchester Town Hall. Please allow 20 minutes to get from Weston Hall or the Renold Building to the Town Hall. It is recommended that you walk along Charles Street to Princess Street turn right on Princess Street and walk along until you see the Town Hall on your right. At the end of the Town Hall's north-eastern wall is Albert Square. The main entrance to the Town Hall faces the Square. (If another entrance is to be used, information will be given on registration). Please note that the reception will end at 2015. Being midsummer, it will be daylight until about 2200. Please enjoy the long summer evening!

