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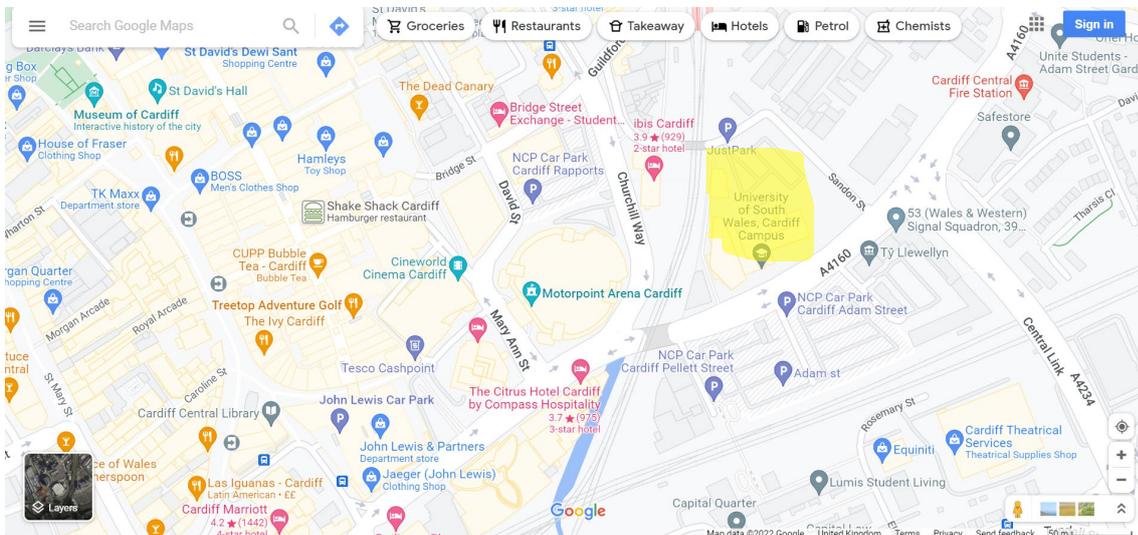


ENQA Members' Forum, Cardiff, 22- 24 June 2022

Practical Information

Venue

The 2022 Members' Forum will take place at: University of South Wales
86-88 Adam St, Cardiff
CF24 2FN



Arrival and transport

Participants are kindly requested to make their own international and local travel arrangements.

Maps of the city

Three really helpful maps of Cardiff can be found here - <https://www.visitcardiff.com/visitor-info/maps/>

Getting to Cardiff

Cardiff is located on the southern coast of Wales in the UK.

[Cardiff Airport](#) offers direct flights to cities including Dublin, Amsterdam, Munich, Barcelona, Rome and Milan. The airport is located 13 miles to the west of Cardiff. Public transport runs regularly into Cardiff city centre from the airport.

[Bristol Airport](#) and [Birmingham Airport](#) also offer direct flights to many European cities and have good train/coach links to Cardiff. [Heathrow Airport](#) is another option, with Cardiff being just over 2.5 hours away and a good choice if you would like to visit London as well during your trip.

For train times and tickets: [Trainline](#)

For coach travel: [Megabus](#) or [National Express](#)

Taxis

Taxis can be booked from the airport on arrival at the bookings desk, but it is best to pre-book if you can. The journey will cost £30 - £45 into the centre of Cardiff. The taxi rank is located just outside of the arrivals exit.

Flight Link Wales - <https://www.flightlinkwales.com/cardiff-airport-taxis/>

Dragon Taxis Cardiff +44 (0)2920 333 333 [Dragon Taxis](#) app

[Premier Taxis](#) 029 2055 5555

[Capital Cabs](#)

Uber is also available in the UK.

Moving around the city

The city centre of Cardiff is easy to get around on foot with most of the venues we will be using within walking distance of each other.

Taxis can be used. Uber is available too.

Public transport:

Cardiff Bus runs an extensive network throughout the city and local area. To pay by cash you need to have the correct money. You can pay by contactless card. They stop at bus stops. To stop the bus press the bell within the bus.

The [Cardiff Bus](#) app is a convenient way to find out everything you need to know about using the bus and buying mobile tickets. Use the app to plan journeys, view live times and keep up to date with service announcements. You'll also find the best value tickets on the app, saving you up to 10% on your bus fare.



Accommodation

The following hotels are with easy reach of the venue and city centre.

Hotel	Average price (2 nights)	Distance to venue (walking)	URL
EasyHotel City Centre	£83	0.3 miles (7 minutes)	EasyHotel
Ibis Budget Hotel Centre	£104	0.4 miles (8 minutes)	Ibis Budget Hotel
Travelodge City Centre	£111	0.6 miles (11 minutes)	Travelodge
Premier Inn City Centre	£136	0.3 miles (6 minutes)	Premier Inn
Holiday Inn City Centre	£182	0.9 miles (18 minutes)	Holiday Inn
Mercure Hotel	£203	0.4 miles (9 minutes)	Mercure Hotel
Jurys Inn	£214	0.5 miles (9 minutes)	Jurys Inn
Marriott Hotel	£222	0.4 miles (9 minutes)	Marriott Hotel
Hilton	£260	0.7 miles (14 minutes)	Hilton
Radisson Blu	£350	0.2 miles (5 minutes)	Radisson Blu

You may also wish to look at [AirBnb](#) or [Booking.com](#) for other sources of accommodation in the city.

On site-registration

On-site registration will take place in the foyer of the University of South Wales 86-88 Adam St, Cardiff, CF24 2FN from 9.00 on 23 June. Participants are kindly requested to arrive no later than 9.20 for registration.

Cloakroom

Participants may leave their coats and luggage in the cloakroom.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi is available at venue.

Photography

Please note that photos will be taken during the event and may be used for publications and websites, both by ENQA and QAA. If you do not want your photograph to be used as described, then please advise the photographer or the event team on site.

Pre-event and reception by QAA

Participants arriving early to Cardiff are invited to attend a “Discover Cardiff afternoon with QAA”.

The pre-event will take place on Wednesday 22 June from 11.45. You are invited to meet us to catch a coach to our first destination - the Senedd, on Cardiff’s waterfront. The Senedd building is home to the Welsh Parliament. Join us for a welcome buffet lunch for all participants.



After lunch we will catch a water taxi back to the city centre (or if you prefer catch a train back).

Once back in the city centre you can join us on a walking tour of the city centre or explore the wonderful National Museum of Wales.

National Museum of Wales

Found in the heart of Cardiff’s civic centre, the [National Museum Cardiff](#) houses some of the country’s finest art, geology and natural history collections, as well as exciting touring exhibitions. The art collection covers 500 years of paintings, drawing, sculpture and ceramics from Wales and the rest of the world, including a hugely impressive assortment of Impressionist Art. You can also embark on a journey through time and space as part of the Evolution of Wales exhibition, which details how life has evolved in Wales from the time of the dinosaurs to the present day.

Entry to the Museum is free by pre-booked ticket. If you would like to see the [Wildlife Photographer of the Year](#) exhibition then you will need to pre-book a ticket. Entry fee for this exhibition is £10. The [David Hurn: Swaps Exhibition](#) of photographs is free, but tickets for entry are required.

Cardiff Castle

We will then meet up again at 18.15 at the historic Cardiff Castle for a guided tour.

ENQA’s Forum Welcome reception will be held at Cardiff Castle at 19.00. There will be a drinks reception and buffet.

Cardiff Castle is one of Wales’s leading heritage attractions and a site of international



significance with over 2000 years of history. Standing in the heart of the city it is a Roman fort, Norman stronghold and a Victorian Gothic fantasy palace.

Summary: Wednesday 22 June Itinerary

Time	Activity
11:45	Meet at collection point for pick up by coach.
12:15	Arrive at the Senedd, the home of the parliament in Wales. All guests are required to go through airport style security.
12:30 – 14.00	Welcome address and Reception Lunch and networking
14:00	Catch the boat taxi back to Cardiff City Centre You can also make your way back to the city centre via taxi or train.
14:30	Arrive back in Cardiff city centre
14:45	Explore the collections of Cardiff Museum – free self-guided tour (tickets to be booked in advance).
	Walking tour of Cardiff Centre
16:00	Free time to explore the city
18:15	Meet at Cardiff Castle for a guided tour of this ancient castle.
19:00	ENQA Forum's Welcome reception at Cardiff Castle Drinks and a buffet will be served.
21:00	Dinner finished

Thursday 23 June – Dinner

The dinner, provided by QAA, will take place on Thursday 23 June at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, North Road, Cardiff, CF10 3ER. We will begin at 19.00 with welcome drinks on the balcony overlooking the historic Bute Park. Our entertainment will be a traditional Welsh Male Voice Choir. Dinner will served in the reception hall of the college.

The dinner venue is within walking distance of city centre hotels or a short taxi ride away.



Useful Information

Electricity

The voltage in Britain is 220/240 AC, 50 Hz. Electrical plugs have three rectangular pins and take fuses of 3, 5 and 13 amps.

Visitors from abroad will need an adaptor for appliances that have been brought from home, such as laptops, hairdryers and phone chargers.

Most hotels will have two-pronged European-style sockets for shavers only.

Mobile Phones

Please check with your mobile phone company about the cost of calls/data in the UK. Roaming charges may apply to some networks.

You may need to inform your network operator in advance of your trip so the “roaming” facility can be enabled. When abroad, you will be charged for the calls you receive, as well as for the calls you make; in addition, you have to pay a substantial premium for the international leg of the call.

It may be easier and cheaper to purchase a SIM card locally and top it up with credit. This will allow you to use the local mobile-phone networks, though you can only do this if your handset is not locked to a specific network.

Welsh Language

As you travel around Cardiff you may hear Welsh spoken and you will see Welsh signs everywhere.

Coronavirus

There are currently no restrictions on travel to Wales or other countries in the UK, however before travel you are advised to check the government websites. Information from the Welsh government on Coronavirus guidelines can be found [here](#). Information from the [English government](#) can be found here.

Internet and Wi-Fi

You can access free Wi-Fi at number of hotspots in Cardiff city centre and Cardiff Bay, as well as on Cardiff Bus. Cardiff Free Wi-Fi is also available at a number of public buildings across the city. Look for the network called CardiffFreeWifi!

Currency

The currency in the UK is the pound sterling (£). One pound is the equivalent of 100 pence. Notes are commonly available in £5, £10 and £20. £50 notes are available but are not always accepted by shops. The approx. euro/GB£ exchange rate is: 1 euro = 0.85 GB£

However as exchange rates may vary, participants are encourage to check them before travel. Currency exchange is available in UK banks, at Marks and Spencer, No 1 Currency Exchange, Eurochange and the Post Office. Better rates are usually available here than at the airport.

Exploring Cardiff

Useful information about the city can be found here. <https://www.visitcardiff.com/>

Shopping

Cardiff has a great selection of shops to explore. Most of the larger shops in Cardiff city centre are open Monday-Friday 9.00-20.00, Saturday 9.00-19.00 and Sunday 11.00-17.00. Smaller shops and those outside the centre will have shorter opening hours. Many convenience food stores are open 7.00-23.00 every day.

There is a charge of 5p for new carrier bags by law.

Cardiff has large shopping centres, high street favourites, individual stores, and a thriving indoor market. The real highlight of Cardiff’s retail scene are the Victorian and Edwardian arcades, full of independent boutiques and cafes, and worth a visit as architectural gems.

[Cardiff Market](#) is an impressive Victorian structure offering a unique shopping experience and has been trading in one form or another since the 1700s. Located in the centre of the

city, the market is well and truly the beating heart of Cardiff.

<https://www.cardiffcouncilproperty.com/cardiff-market/>

Don't forget to stop at the Cardiff Bakestones stall for their freshly cooked Welsh cakes – they are delicious!

Weather

The weather in Cardiff, and the UK in general, is very changeable and can be unpredictable. June can be both hot and cool. We suggest that you have clothes suitable for both dry and wet weather, bring your sun cream and an umbrella.



Keeping Active

Run along Cardiff Bay, through the park in the city centre or along the river taking in the sites. Walk through the magnificent [Bute Park](#) in the heart of the city.

Time

In June the time will be British Summer Time (BST) which is GMT +1 hour.

Smoking

Smoking in public places has been banned in Wales since April 2007, this includes bars, restaurants, cafes, hotels and public transport. Some, but not all, bars and restaurants will have dedicated outdoor areas where you will be permitted to smoke.

Explore Wales and the UK

If you have time to stay on in Wales after the Forum then there is plenty more to explore close to Cardiff or you may choose to travel to see some of the UK's other cities -

<https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/destinations>

Cardiff - <https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/wales/cardiff>

Cardiff Bay - <https://www.cardiffbay.co.uk/listing-category/things-to-do-cardiff-bay/>

Brecon Beacons - <https://www.breconbeacons.org/>

Bristol - <https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/england/south-west/bristol>

Bath - <https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/england/south-west/bath>

London - <https://www.visitlondon.com/>

Contact

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