

## **For EEEurope – Scotland 2007**

Dounans, Aberfoyle

Pre-conference: 23-26 April

Conference: 26-30 April

### **Final Conference Joining Instructions + 20<sup>th</sup> April message**

This first message was sent to the EEEurope list on 20<sup>th</sup> April

Now that we have nearly everyone's travel plans (thank you!) we'd like to ADD some extra information about your travel so that you have a hassle-free travel experience that doesn't cost too much!

#### **MONEY - currency**

##### **You need pounds - not Euros.**

The currency in Scotland is British pounds (GBP). You can use English or Scottish notes in Scotland - but not Euros.

#### **MONEY - for your journey**

##### **You may need 35 GBP in cash for a taxi fare from Stirling railway station.**

Even if you plan to arrive when the shuttle bus is running, you may need to take a taxi for the final part of your journey from Stirling railway station to Dounans, Aberfoyle.

#### **THE GOOD NEWS - money back**

**If we ask you** to take a taxi for the journey from Stirling to Dounans, Aberfoyle, we will refund you to ensure that this part of the journey does not cost you more than 16 GBP. If using a taxi, we will try to get 3 or more people in a taxi so that it costs you even less (we have all sizes of taxis).

#### **PHONE CONTACT**

**Please phone us on 07874033262** when you get on the train. (If your phone thinks it's outside the UK dial +447874033262) We can then tell you how to get from Stirling station to Dounans - whether it's a shuttle bus, an EEEurope person with their own car, or a taxi. (If the first number is out of range, first try Lesleys mobile: 07724563676 then try Franks mobile: 07840245309 - you may need to change 0 to +44)

#### **SHUTTLE BUS - Thursday afternoon**

**Make sure you have a taxi fare even if you plan to catch a shuttle bus.** (Planes and buses may not keep to schedule.) The likely times of the shuttle bus on Thursday afternoon are 1:30pm, 3:00pm and 4:30pm.

#### **ARRIVING BY CAR OR TAXI**

If your taxi driver does not know where Dounans Centre is, tell them to turn right immediately after the 30 sign as you enter Aberfoyle. The journey from Stirling to Dounans takes about 30 minutes.

#### **RECOGNISING PEOPLE**

If you are expecting an EEEurope person to meet you at Stirling station they might be carrying a shoulder bag with the EEEurope Scotland 2007 logo on it. (If you are taking a taxi, we may not see you until you reach Dounans.)

### **MEETING PLACE at Stirling railway station**

As soon as you get through the automatic ticket barriers, the Pumpkin Cafe is on your left. If you are looking out for EEE people to share a taxi or a lift you might find them standing by the door of the Pumpkin Cafe or just inside the cafe enjoying a cup of tea. If you are looking for the taxi rank, you can't miss it - just walk straight out of the station and go to the taxi at the head of the queue.

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### **Dear EEEurope participants**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to EEEurope – Scotland 2007 at Dounans, Aberfoyle in two weeks time.

Please find below some final information about your arrival and your stay at Dounans, if you have questions please direct them through [info@eeurope.org](mailto:info@eeurope.org)

- **Dounans address and emergency contact numbers:**

The postal address for Dounans is:  
Dounans Outdoor Centre  
Aberfoyle, FK8 3UT

There is a resident's payphone which you can use, and be contacted through, although you should note that this is a non-manned telephone:

Within the UK: 01877 382255  
From outside the UK: 0044 1877 382255

#### **Emergency contact:**

We will also be operating a central mobile phone which can be contacted to pass on a message to you.

Within the UK: 0787 4033262  
From outside the UK: 0044 787 4033262

Please note that not all mobile phone networks have a signal at Dounans.

- **Arrival and pick up arrangements:**

We have now received most of your travel arrangements. If you are arriving by plane, make your way by train to Stirling Railway Station. The instructions for doing this are on the website at :  
<http://www.eeurope.org/2007/travel.html>

There will be someone at the station to meet you, and a shuttle service will operate between Stirling and Aberfoyle to take you to Dounans.

If you have any delays or problems with your journey, or you need to contact us for any reason after Monday 23 April please use the following numbers:

**Dounans central contact point: 07874033262**

Lesley's mobile: 07724563676  
Frank's mobile: 07840245309

**If you are arriving outside the arranged times for Monday 23 and Thursday 26, then you will receive a separate e-mail with your pick-up arrangements.**

- **What to bring:**

**The basics:**

**If you are in the dorms**, all your bed linen will be provided. You do need to bring your own towels and wash things.

**If you are camping**, you need to bring all your own camping equipment. At the campsite at Dounans there are showers and toilets.

**If you are participating in the pre-conference**, you should bring suitable outdoor clothing including strong footwear, and boots if you are going into the mountains, waterproofs, and a small rucksack. We will have some spare equipment, but cannot guarantee that we will have your size.

**For participating in the conference**, we recommend comfortable clothing suitable for being out of doors. Comfortable sturdy footwear is recommended as many workshops will be outdoors. We will provide sitting mats for outdoor workshops.

**In terms of weather:** anything could happen!

The weather at the end of April in Scotland can be very variable, so you should be prepared for cold, wet and / or bright sunshine. So bring:

- a wide range of clothing to cover all eventualities
- rain gear and hiking boots / outdoor shoes
- sun lotion, hat and shades

**Currency** – when you arrive in Scotland please make sure that you change some money into British Pounds. You will not be able to use euros on trains and buses or for any refreshments once you are outside of the airport.

**The International Dinner:**

For our traditional International Dinner on the Friday night please bring something from the items listed below. These will be set out on tables for our special dinner.

- Bring something typical from your country, region or town
- Bring something homemade, sweet or salty
- Bring something to drink: alcoholic or non-alcoholic

We are also collecting a set of flags from each country for passing on each year. So if you can provide us with a flag from your country please bring it with you.

**The EEEurope Collection and Display area:**

Frank is making a collection of EEE memorabilia (photos and other souvenirs) which will be on display at the conference. Please bring anything you would like to add to the collection.

In addition, there will be display space for you to share materials from your country and/or organisation. Please bring what you would like to distribute.

There will also be an Institute of Outdoor Learning (IOL) display and bookshop for you to order from.