

New Directions

NRTF Showcase

2018

University
of Worcester

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New Directions 2018 – Arrival Information for Delegates

Dear New Directions 2018 Delegates

For the purposes of this document please assume 'Delegates' means all showcase artists, guests and other Delegates. Please see below for some important information about your arrival at New Directions 2018.

Available for download:

- This information;
- [Map of the campus;](#)
- [Revised schedule;](#)
- [A delegate lists.](#)

The delegate list and an artist information pack will be provided as printed copies in your delegate pack so no need to print those, you may however find it useful to print the campus map and a copy of this arrival information.

You are going to **St John's Campus**, University of Worcester, St John's Campus, Henwick Grove, St John's, Worcester, WR2 6AJ.

[Travel Information In and around Worcester and the Campus](#)

On Arrival by Car

The car parks on campus are **pay and display**, so please ensure you pay for sufficient parking time to avoid a fine. We suggest that you park in the long stay car park (M) and ensure that you renew your ticket if you are staying for more than 24 hours.

If you travel by car, **we suggest you leave your luggage in the car until you have registered for your accommodation** as the car park is much nearer to the accommodation than Registration.

On Arrival by Train

- Worcester Foregate Street - situated in the city center and is a 25 to 30-minute walk from the University or 5 minutes by taxi.
- Worcester Shrub Hill - is a 40 to 45-minute walk from the University or 10 minutes by taxi.

Taxis

- Cathedral Cars - 01905 767400
- VIP TAXIS - 01905 678678
- Worcester Taxis Ltd - 14 East St · 01905 700777

Get the Taxi to drop you at Main University Reception (Edward Elgar Building).

Bus Travel

- The numbers 31 operated by First Travel connect the St John's Campus to the City Centre Bus Station and City Campus. The bus stops are located outside on St Johns Campus outside the Students' Union building and near Severn gate. The First bus 31 service runs from Worcester bus station to St Johns Campus between 06:42 and 22:45 (every 10 min between 9:15 and 17:25) Monday to Friday.
- Take a bus from Crowngate bus station (bus number 31, 31B or 31E) to the University St John's campus.

The 'Village Hall' and New Directions Staff

This will be the main hub for New Directions 2018 and this is where you will register for New Directions 2018. Don't go looking for a 'village hall' type building – just follow the signs!

It will be open from 11:30am on Tuesday and 9am on Wednesday and Thursday. The hall closes at 8pm each night with the action and information hub having moved to the Students Union.

Our staff should be easy to spot in splendid New Directions t-shirts. We are also working with a number of students from the University, who are undistinguishable from Live & Local Staff as they will also be wearing splendid New Directions t-shirts. We will all do our best to answer your questions and guide you around the site.

Access Support

If you have need of access support or wish to discuss access arrangements, please contact Holly Lombardo (NRTF Director) or ask a member of staff. Or call 07943 628 548. But note this is NOT a 24-hour service (8am to 8pm). If requested, we can give you a tour of the site and the venues.

Showcase Artists

Please follow the same process as the other delegates to register for New Directions and to check-in for your accommodation. You will still need a lanyard for access to showcase sessions and for meals. You will of course also have to make your way to the relevant venue for your Get in. The Village Hall information point will direct you if necessary.

Evening Shows Artists

Please follow the same process as the other delegates to register for New Directions and to check-in for any accommodation. You will still need a lanyard for access to showcase sessions and for meals. You will of course also have to make your way to the relevant venue for your Get in. The staff at the Village Hall information point will direct you as necessary.

Rural Touring Awards Guests

If your guest ticket includes attending showcase sessions, then please follow the same process as the other delegates to register for New Directions and to check-in for any accommodation. Otherwise please make your way direct to the Students Union. The doors and bar will be open from 6pm and the evening BBQ will be served at 6.30pm.

Residential Delegates

- Accommodation check-in for all delegates is at the Main University Reception;
- Registration for all New Directions delegates is in the Village Hall.

These are on opposite sides of the main Edward Elgar building. Earliest registration for all delegates will be from 11:30 in the Village Hall.

Accommodation Check-in:

- **Monday arrivals:** you can check-in after 2pm. Please check-in at the University Main Reception. Breakfast will be served from 7:30am on the Tuesday morning from their normal station in the dining hall and vouchers will be given to Monday arrivals. Thereafter you will be served for all meals (except Wednesday night) in the dining hall in a dedicated New Directions area.
- **Tuesday/Wednesday arrivals:** you can check-in after 2pm. Please check-in at the University Main Reception. Breakfasts and all meals (except Wednesday night) will be served from 7:30am in the dining hall in a dedicated New Directions area.
- **All Arrivals:** Main reception is manned 24 hours, so late check-ins can be accommodated. Luggage can be left at Main Reception until you can access your room. However, if you travel by car, **we suggest you leave your luggage in the car**, as the car park is nearer to the accommodation blocks than Reception.
- **All Arrivals:** You must check out by 10am on your departure day. There is a left luggage facility at Main Reception.

All Delegates

All delegates must register at the Village Hall. You will not gain access to any showcases, the rural touring awards or for any meals with out having picked up your registration pack and lanyard.

After you have parked and checked into your accommodation (if you choose to do so first, but only possible after 2pm), make your way to the Village Hall to register for New Directions - there will be plenty of signs. Don't go looking for a separate 'village hall' type building – just follow the signs. NB: You will need a bit of small change for the raffle!

Help yourself to a nice cup of tea from the tent in the Village Hall and do come and say hello to the New Directions team and pick up your packs and lanyards. If there's a queue, then get yourself sorted out at the Facebook desk first - your Face is turned into a badge and worn by someone you haven't met yet. Your mission is to get your Face back!

There are slots available for 1 to 1 meetings with officers from Arts Council England on each day – book your slot at The Village Hall Information Point.

Lunch on Tuesday is available between 12:30 and 1:30 in the dining hall.

- **Wi-Fi:** Individual wi-fi log-ins will be provided to delegates who have accommodation booked at the University. Details will be provided at your accommodation check-in. Day delegates can obtain a code from Main Reception or from The Village Hall information point.
- **Smoking:** Campus is a smoke free zone and there are hefty fines for smoking anywhere except designated areas. Smoking e-cigarettes is also limited to specific areas all shown on the campus plan.
- **Displays:** You are welcome to bring flyers or other materials on your scheme, venue, menu, performance or company. We will have a table in the village hall for print.

- **Photography:** Photos and videos will be taken throughout event, if you do not wish to be photographed please let a member of staff know on arrival.
- **Social Media:** Please start to tweet, post and share New Directions 2018 on social media. Please tag @ruraltouring and #NewDir18. Check these tags for up-dates and details throughout the event. Start now....
- **Early arrivals:** There are a variety of other spaces and food outlets on Campus, but you will have to pay for your purchases:
 - a. **Main Counter in Dining Hall – ‘Made Food Court’** – Various hot and cold food and drinks 07:00 – 20:00
 - b. **Hangar Café – (Student’s Union)** – Jacket potatoes, wraps, toasties, baguettes and drinks 09:00 – 15:00
 - c. **Elgar Café (by Main Reception)** – Costa Coffee plus paninis, cakes, sandwiches 08:00 – 17:00
 - d. **Campus Shop** 08:00 – 18:00

**The first official item on the schedule is the
Welcome to Delegates in the Village Hall at 1:30pm.**

How to Contact Us

During New Directions if you have questions or need assistance, the information point in The Village Hall will be staffed during opening hours.

If you need to contact event staff outside hall opening hours, then between 8am and 8pm you can ring 07943 628 548. But note this is NOT a 24-hour service.

If you have an emergency, need urgent assistance, or require housekeeping during your stay, please contact the University Main Reception on 01905 855000 during office hours. For 24-hour emergency security or for first aid assistance, call 01905 855495 or go to the University Main Reception.

We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

