

A FANTASTIC LEGACY: DELEGATE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE DETAILS

'A Fantastic Legacy: A Diana Wynne Jones Memorial Conference' takes place 5-6 September 2014.

Day 1 of the conference (5 September 2014) takes place at Seven Stories, National Centre for Children's Books. It runs from 9.30am-6pm.

Day 2 of the conference (6 September 2014) takes place in the Armstrong Building, Newcastle University. It runs from 9am-6pm.

The full conference programme is now available on the conference website:
<http://conferences.ncl.ac.uk/dwj/conferenceprogramme/>.

TRAVEL

For all local public transport enquiries, call 0871 200 22 33, or visit the following website:
<http://www.newcastlegateshead.com/plan-your-visit/travel/getting-around>.

Getting from Newcastle airport to Newcastle city centre: The easiest and cheapest way to get from the airport to the city centre is by Metro. There are trains every 12-18 minutes, with a journey time of about 25 minutes. A timetable is available for download here: <http://www.nexus.org.uk/metro/timetables-stations>.

Getting to your accommodation: If you are staying in delegate accommodation, you will receive an information pack with directions.

The Jury's Inn (Newcastle), Thistle and Sleeperz hotels are all located a 2-3-minute walk from Central Station. Please ask station staff for directions.

If you are staying on Grey Street or the Quayside, the Q1 Quaylink bus service runs Central Station – Theatre Royal (Monument) - Grey Street – Quayside - Gateshead. The Q2 Quaylink bus runs from Haymarket Bus Station – Theatre Royal (Monument) - Grey Street – Quayside. These accessible yellow buses depart about every 15 minutes: you can download a route map from <http://www.newcastlegateshead.com/plan-your-visit/maps/quaylink-map>.

Getting around Newcastle: Newcastle is pretty compact: most places are no more than a 30 minute walk away. Alternatively, Newcastle has a very reliable Metro system and frequent bus services. Details can be found at the URL given at the top of this page.

Taxi services: There are easy-to-find taxi ranks outside Central Station and Haymarket. Taxis from the airport are in the region of £25-£30. If you wish to book a taxi, the two firms below are usually reliable:

- Noda taxis: 0191 222 1888
- Blueline: 0191 262 6666

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE VENUES

GETTING TO SEVEN STORIES (DAY 1):

Complete directions and maps are available on the Seven Stories website:

<http://www.sevenstories.org.uk/visit/how-to-find-us>.

By bus: The yellow Q2 Quaylink bus runs from Haymarket Bus Station (opposite the university) and Theatre Royal/Monument (in the centre of Newcastle) to a stop on Cut Bank (opposite Storey's Carpets), just a two minute walk away from Seven Stories. From this stop, walk up the hill and turn left on Lime Street. Seven Stories is about halfway up the street.

By Metro: The nearest Metro station is Manors (if you are travelling from the airport or from Central Station you will need to change trains at Monument to get onto this line).

On foot: From Manors Metro Station, exit the station, turning right and climb the small flight of steps, turning right onto New Bridge Street. Walk past parade of shops on your right and keep going straight on for approximately ten minutes, keeping straight on at pedestrian crossing. Turn right at next set of traffic lights (next to Tanners public house) then first left down Stepney Bank which leads onto Lime Street. Seven Stories can be found a short distance along on the left hand side next door to the Cluny pub.

GETTING TO NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY (DAY 2):

City and campus maps are available on the Newcastle University website:

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/visit/maps.htm>. The conference will be held in the Armstrong Building, building 22 on the map.

By bus: The nearest bus station is Haymarket. Many bus services also stop on John Dobson Street, just round the corner from Haymarket and across the road from the University.

By Metro: The nearest Metro station is Haymarket, on a direct line from Central Station and the airport.

On foot: From Haymarket Metro station (the top end of Northumberland Street), cross the traffic lights towards the Church of St Thomas and keep walking left-wards. Cross the next set of traffic lights and walk past Blackwells and Campus Coffee. Go up the steps / ramp on the right-hand side of Campus Coffee. Keep walking straight ahead, through the arches and carry on to almost the end of the quad.

The Armstrong Building will be on your left hand side. If you don't mind steps, enter via the last door on the left (you will see a sign for the conference). Otherwise, carry on to the end of the quad and turn left through the archway, then left again to the front of the building, where you will find an accessible entrance (and another sign for the conference).

GETTING TO THE TYNESIDE CINEMA (DAY 3):

On Sunday we will be screening *Howl's Moving Castle* at the Tyneside Cinema, which is located on Pilgrim Street. Directions are available on the Tyneside's website: <https://www.tynesidecinema.co.uk/about-us/find-us>.

The easiest way to get there is to take the Metro or bus (services 62/63) to Monument. From the Monument itself, turn down the small alley on the right-hand side of the HSBC bank: the Tyneside is on this street. Many bus services also run directly to Pilgrim Street.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on Friday 5th September, 9.30 am at Seven Stories. Seven Stories reception staff will direct you to the registration desk.

If you are arriving on Saturday 6th September, registration will be open from 9 am in the Armstrong Building, 1st floor: follow signs for 'A Fantastic Legacy'.

Please be sure to register upon arrival to receive your conference pack with the abstract booklet (incl. practical information), your name badge and wireless network password, and the most up-to-date programme.

LUGGAGE STORAGE AT THE CONFERENCE VENUES

There is very limited luggage storage at Seven Stories: lockers are available for small valuables, and larger items can be stored in the main conference room (which will remain unlocked). If you are able to deposit your luggage at your accommodation prior to arrival we would appreciate it. Please ask a conference assistant for details.

There is a luggage storage facility at Newcastle University, in a locked, unattended room. Please ask a conference assistant for details.

All luggage storage is at delegates' own risk.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The conference begins on Friday 5th September at 10am. Day 1 will conclude with a drinks reception and book launch 5.00-6.00. The conference dinner is on Friday evening, 7.30pm.

The programme for Saturday 6th September starts at 9:15 am. Dr. Cathy Butler will give the closing keynote speech at 4.15, and the conference will close at 5.45.

If you are joining us for the 'Cinema Book Club' screening of *Howl's Moving Castle*, this takes place 12.45pm - 3.35pm on Sunday 7th September, at the Tyneside Cinema.

FORMAT OF PANELS & HANDOUTS

Papers are 20 minutes. There will be three papers in a panel, followed by 15 minutes for discussion. Session chairs have been instructed to be strict with time-keeping, so please be sure to time your paper ahead of the conference.

If you have a **handout**, please bring roughly **30 copies**. We will not be able to make photocopies during the conference. Also note that the conference takes place during our summer vacation and photocopying services on campus may be closed.

If you plan to use **Powerpoint**, please email this to the conference team at dwjconference@gmail.com no later than **Monday, 1 September**. We recommend you also bring a backup copy on a USB stick or similar.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR PRESENTATIONS

The conference room is equipped with a Powerpoint projector, speakers and a PC running Windows XP.

If you plan to use PowerPoint as part of your presentation, we strongly recommend that you test your presentation upon arrival at the conference (and bring it as .ppt as well as .pdf files). One of our conference assistants will help you with this. If you want to play sound files, please be sure to save the sound files in the same folder as your presentation before you embed them in your slides to ensure they're working correctly.

If you have further requirements concerning particular hardware, software or fonts, please e-mail dwjconference@gmail.com by **Wednesday, 27 August** and we will try to accommodate your requests.

INTERNET ACCESS

Free wifi access is available at both Seven Stories and Newcastle University. Please note that **we cannot provide usernames or passwords for delegates to access PCs at these venues**; you must bring your own wireless device if you want to access the internet.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The **conference dinner** will be at **7:30 pm on Friday, 5th September**, at Blackfriars restaurant, situated in Newcastle city centre. Directions to the venue will be included in your conference pack. Please note that the conference registration fee includes a three-course meal, one large glass of wine, and water. Other drinks or snacks are not included in the fee and will have to be paid by delegates.

If you will be attending the conference dinner, please select your menu choices at <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=6544> at your earliest convenience. If you registered for the dinner but no longer wish to attend please also indicate that here.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions in the run-up to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us at dwjconference@gmail.com. We will check the account very regularly in the run-up to the conference and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you to Newcastle in September.