The Fan Studies Network Conference 2017
Centre for Participatory Culture, University of Huddersfield
24-25 June 2017

USEFUL INFORMATION

SOCIAL EVENTS

On the evening of Friday 23rd June, the University of Huddersfield is launching its new Centre for Participatory Culture (CPC). As part of that, they are hosting an event called Participatory Culture Matters -- a roundtable discussion and extended audience Q&A featuring leading scholars in the fields of fan studies, audience studies, cultural studies, and the sociology of sport. This will be followed by a joint CPC/FSN social, featuring drinks, music, and a quiz. The whole evening is going to be advertised widely as a separate event, but is completely free to all FSN2017 delegates.

Second, as has become our custom, the Saturday night (24th June) will involve our official conference dinner, but this year, the meal will also be bookended by the Fan Studies Network's fifth anniversary celebration. This is going to take place on campus, but we are still finalising details and prices for this. As soon as that is done, we will email all delegates with a separate invitation, where you will be able to register and pay for your meal in advance.

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LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Huddersfield is only a small town, so anywhere in the city centre (i.e. within or near to the ring road) will be within walking distance of campus (or a very short cab ride, if you prefer). However, we are recommending the following places:

- Premier Inn (Huddersfield Central)
- Huddersfield Central Lodge Hotel

For those of you on a budget, there is also our student accommodation, Storthes Hall. We have arranged a great deal here -- only £25 per night, which includes wifi, gym access, and breakfast. The only disadvantage is that it is a 20-25-minute drive from campus and bus links are not great, so staying there would require you to get taxis to/from the conference. Sharing a cab with other delegates will certainly be an option, so the cost is less of an issue than the relative inconvenience. The other two options above, for example, are both within a 5-minute walk away. If you would like to book a room at Storthes
Hall, please email mandywhite@stortheshall.co.uk or call (+44) 1484 270154, and ensure they are giving you the Fan Studies Network conference rate!

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**TRAVELLING TO/FROM HUDDESFIELD**

Huddersfield is located in West Yorkshire, roughly halfway between Leeds and Manchester. While Leeds is the slightly closer of the two cities, Manchester will be the easier journey for those of you flying in, as there is a direct train from the airport straight to Huddersfield. This takes less than an hour, and will cost you between £16 and £28 for a return ticket.

For travelling around the UK, trains are probably the easiest, fastest and most comfortable option, and there are direct lines connecting Huddersfield to places like Liverpool and Manchester to the west, and Leeds, York and Newcastle to the east and north east. You can check routes, timetables and prices at [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) to see what suits you. We recommend booking in advance to save money, but there are flexible tickets available if you are not sure about arrival/departure times.

The major downside to train travel is that it can sometimes be very expensive, in which case you may prefer to travel by coach. See [www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com) for the lowest prices, or [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) for what is usually a better standard of coach/service.