



# IB World Student Conference

## Utopian Visions:

### Employing the Arts for Social and Political Change

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University of Warwick

## Arrival and Information Guide



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## IB World Student Conference — the University of Warwick, UK

We are delighted that you will be joining the IB World Student Conference, being held at the University of Warwick. We hope that the information provided within this guide, together with the programme of events - will help you make the most of the conference.

Before you arrive, please ensure that you have read this guide thoroughly. Please also complete the registration form online at [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/ibwsc/registration](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/ibwsc/registration) so that we have your flight arrival time and all the details we need about you.

### Connecting with us

Throughout the conference, and before your arrival, you will be able to interact with fellow participants by joining us on Facebook—[www.facebook.com/ibwsc-uk](http://www.facebook.com/ibwsc-uk) . We also encourage you to tweet and post pictures on Instagram during the conference by using this tag **#ibwsc-uk**



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## Important information

### Arriving at the University of Warwick

When you arrive at the University of Warwick, either by arranged transfer or independently, please report directly to the conference reception. This is located next to Senate House and car park 7 (see the map at the end of this guide). You will be able to collect your keys from here, as well as:

- ◆ Acquire general information
- ◆ Arrange for secure luggage storage
- ◆ Arrange your log in codes for WiFi access around campus
- ◆ Ask about lost property
- ◆ Request additional bedroom supplies



## Preparing for the Conference

### Talent Show & Music Workshops

If you have indicated that you would like to participate in the Music Workshops, or if you are going to be taking part in the Talent Show, please ensure that you bring with your musical instrument.

### Hand Luggage

Students from outside the EEA will be asked to fill in a landing card on the plane with their personal details. You will need to hand this to the Immigration Officer at passport control. If you are not an EEA citizen at Passport Control you will need to show the Immigration Officer:

- Your passport
- Copies of any documents used in your visa application
- A copy of the letter sent from the IB inviting you to the Conference
- A letter from your parents giving you consent to travel to the UK

### Packing

The weather in the UK can be very varied and unpredictable. It is best to wear layers of clothing, so that you can add or remove layers as necessary. Although we hope the weather will be sunny, it would be advisable to pack an umbrella, just in case!

### Medicines

If you are bringing prescribed medicines with you into the UK, please ensure that they are clearly labelled to avoid any confusion.

### Electrical Goods

The electricity supply in the UK is 240 volts alternating at a frequency of 50 hertz. You will need to check that any electrical products you bring with you can work at this voltage. Adapter plugs can be brought in the UK.

### Insurance

Before you travel, you should purchase travel insurance to cover your journey to the UK. Most travel insurance policies cover problems such as delays, emergency medical treatment and lost or stolen luggage. If you are bringing musical instruments, computer equipment, phones etc, you should ensure that these are included.

### Are there any other useful items I could bring with me?

- An umbrella – as you will be required to walk between some buildings
- Ethernet cable (also known as Cat 5 or a RJ45) – preferred length to be three metres due to the location of the network point within rooms
- Any sports equipment that you may require during your stay
- Additional towels for use in the Sports Centre
- Suitable clothing and footwear
- Phone charger





## Important information

### Health

If you are an EEA citizen, you will be entitled to free or reduced-cost medical treatment during your time in the UK. Please ensure that you apply and carry with you your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

If you have any medical issues during the conference, there is a Health Centre on campus where you will be able to make an appointment. You can also seek medical attention for minor ailments at a Walk In Centre. A Chaperone or GAT Leader will be able to provide you with guidance on this. If you require hospital treatment for an accident or emergency, the nearest hospital is University Hospital Coventry. If there is an emergency, you should call 999 for an ambulance. Any emergency treatment, minor injuries unit or a walk-in centre is free of charge.

### Pharmacies

The on-campus pharmacy can provide advice on minor ailments. You can also buy non-prescription drugs such as pain-killers and throat lozenges. You can find the pharmacy within the Students' Union building (please see the map at the end of this guide).

### Banks and Cash Machines

If you require access to a bank or automated cash machine (ATM) during the conference, you can find these within on the ground floor of the Students' Union.

### Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy is the focus of spiritual life on campus, and home to chaplains from the Abrahamic faiths; Christian (Catholic, Anglican and Free Church); Muslim and Jewish. If you are observing Ramadan during the conference, you will be able to use the Chaplaincy for worship. Please indicate on the registration form if you are observing Ramadan. Alternative arrangements for meals will be provided. To gain access to the Chaplaincy, please ask at Conference Reception for details.



## Arriving at the University of Warwick

All Conference Participants are welcome to use the free airport transfer from Birmingham International Airport to campus. This is available on Sunday 4 August and Saturday 10 August.

The free coach pick-up service will run from 12:00 on Sunday 4 August until 16:00. When you enter the Arrivals area of Birmingham Airport, please report to conference staff who will have a banner saying 'University of Warwick' and will be wearing IBWSC t-shirts. They will check your name off the arrivals list and guide you towards the coach. The journey to the University will take approximately 30 minutes.

If you arrive at a different airport, we recommend you arrange to travel from there to Birmingham Airport in order to use the coach service.

There will also be a free coach service to take you back to Birmingham Airport at 9am on Saturday 10 August, departing from the Conferences reception area. You will need to check out of your room by 9.30am.

### Travelling Independently

If you do not use the coach pick up services, we advise you to arrive at Coventry by either coach or train. You can then use the local bus service or a taxi to reach the campus. We recommend that you book a ticket in advance, as it can be expensive on the day of travel. Please remember that you will be responsible for your own luggage and you will have to carry this yourself.

### From London to Coventry by coach

National Express coaches travel from Heathrow and Gatwick airports directly to Pool Meadow Bus Service in Coventry. Coaches depart frequently and whilst tickets can be brought from the National Express desk in each Arrivals hall, it is advisable to try and book in advance as the spaces are limited. You can also travel by National Express coach from Victoria Station in Central London to Coventry. Megabus offers a service from London to Cannon Park Shopping Centre, which is 5 minute walk to central campus.

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

[www.megabus.com/uk](http://www.megabus.com/uk)

### From London to Coventry by rail

Direct trains to Coventry depart from London Euston station (in the centre of London) regularly and the journey takes approximately 60 minutes. To travel from Heathrow or Gatwick, or anywhere else in London, you will be able to use the London Underground system, The Tube. The network is extensive and journeys are relatively cheap. You may encounter steps and it is often crowded, and may be difficult to use with lots of luggage.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl)



### **From Coventry to the campus by taxi**

A taxi is the easiest but most expensive way to get to the University campus from Coventry. It will cost approximately £10-15 and there are taxi ranks outside the train and bus stations. Ask to be taken directly to the Conference Reception.

### **From Coventry to the campus by bus**

Travelling by bus is cheaper than a taxi. Travel Coventry operate buses 11, 12 and 12a that leave Pool Meadow Bus Station for the University of Warwick regularly. There is also a stop near the Train Station. You will need to have the correct coins with you as the bus operators will not give change. A single journey will cost £1.80.

### **Finding your way around**

Once you have unpacked and settled in to your room, you might wish to meet other conference participants and can do this in the Students' Union Atrium any time from 12:00. Warwick students will also be conducting campus tours between 14:00 and 17:00 so that they can show you all the facilities at the University and give you a little more information about staying on campus. These tours will depart from the Students' Union building at regular intervals, you do not need to book a place (please see the map at the end of this guide).





## Safety, emergencies and communication

### Contacting the University with an emergency

Callers needing to contact someone with a genuine emergency will need to dial the University switchboard: +44 (0)24 7652 3523. If you call the switchboard out of hours in an emergency and hear the automated message, please hold until your call is answered.

### Safety around campus

Although the University campus is a very safe environment, you will need to ensure you lock your bedroom and close bedroom windows, when it is not in use. We recommend that you bring a photocopy of your important documents, such as your passport, with you. We also recommend that you send a message to your parents or guardians on arrival to confirm you have reached the conference safely.

### Seeking help

During the conference, if you have any questions or concerns, you can go to the chaperone responsible for your accommodation, or you can speak to any member of conference staff. There will be a conference office located in the National Grid Room in the Warwick Arts Centre (see campus map at the end of this guide) which will be staffed throughout the conference in case you would like to see help for any reason.

You may also call the conferences reception between 7am and 11pm on 02476 522 280

### Feeling unwell

If you feel unwell at any time, speak to your chaperone or global action team leader, or contact conferences reception.

### WIFI

The WiFi network can be accessed from any device with the WiFi code provided at registration. Please note each device will require a separate WiFi code and additional codes can be requested at the Conference Reception.

### Computer access

During the conference, you will be able to use computers in the computer suite, located in room R039 between 09:00 and 20:00 for emails and to work on IGGY or any other project materials. You will be able to get the room access code from your chaperone or global action team leader. You will also be able to use the free WiFi around campus. You can find this within the Ramphal Building (please see map at the end of this guide).



## Accommodation

For the duration of the conference, you will be located within Rootes Accommodation. Rootes is based centrally on campus and is close to the Students' Union, Arts Centre and the main shopping area. Rootes offers single-study bedrooms situated along corridors, with male and female only chaperoned blocks. Complimentary internet access is available in all rooms.

### Facilities

Each room has access to the following facilities as standard:

- Wash-basin
- Tea and Coffee making facilities in the kitchen areas
- Hairdryer
- Towels and toiletries
- Iron and ironing board in the kitchen areas

Smoking is not permitted within the residence. Pastoral care is provided by the chaperones.

### Collecting keys

Accommodation keys will be available on Sunday 4th August from the Conference Reception Desk, between 10.00 and 20.00. If you arrive outside of these times, keys will be available from the Accommodation Office or Security Gatehouse. You will be provided with one key which will access your room and entry door to your residence. On the day of departure, you can return the key to the Conference Reception.

### Telephones

No telephones are provided within rooms. Participants are advised to use Skype via Wifi or use payphones located within communal areas within the residence. These telephones accept change only.

### Laundrettes

The launderette is situated between Rootes Building and Rootes residences, opening times are available from Conference Reception for self-service washing and drying. All machines require the correct change and you will need to provide your own washing powder and fabric softener.

### After the conference

Should you find that you have misplaced any of your belongings when you arrive home, please contact your conference organiser. Conferences & Events will email the organiser with a list of all lost property from the conference within a few weeks. If your item has been found, the organiser will contact Conferences & Events to arrange for its return.





## Food and Drink

### Conference Meals

All meals are provided in Rootes Restaurant, located on the first floor of Rootes Building, or as a packed lunch to take away on the days you will be visiting Stratford or Birmingham. If you have any dietary requirements, please advise us in your registration form. The restaurant offers an assisted style service at breakfast, lunch and dinner including a range of hot and cold drinks. To gain access to the restaurant, please have with you your conference badge or room key.

### Facilities on campus

The bar is located on the first floor of Rootes Building and is an ideal place to relax after the day's sessions. There are also bars in Warwick Arts Centre and the Students' Union. Payment for all sundry items is by cash or credit card payment only.

### Cafes/Coffee Shops

There are several cafes and coffee shops across campus which are available for participants to use. Please note that the minimum drinking age for alcohol in the UK is 18 and you will not be able to buy any alcoholic drinks unless you are at least 18 and able to show formal identification to prove this. The first floor of Rootes Building is an ideal place to relax with a coffee or soft drink after the day's sessions. There are also cafe-bars and seating areas in Warwick Arts Centre.

Cafe Library—08:30—14.00

10.00—16.00 on Saturday and Sunday

Bar Fusion—12.00—14.00 and 17.30—21.00

17.30—21.00 on Sunday

Costa— 08.00—16.00

09.00—14.00 Saturday and Sunday

Cafe Bar—09.00—21.00

15.00—21.00 Sunday

The Bar—12.00—15.00 and 18.00—22.00

17.30—21.00 on Sunday

### Supermarket

The on campus supermarket, Costcutter, is also available to all participants, and sells a wide range of products. There is also hot food available. Costcutter is open from:

08.00—20.00 Monday to Friday

09.00—20.00 Saturday

11.00—17.00 Sunday

Please note— the opening times of all facilities on campus are subject to change.



## Social Facilities

### Cinema

Located within the Warwick Arts Centre, the Cinema showcases the latest box office films as well as range of international movies. The films being shown during the conference are:

Sat 3	Paris-Manhattan	4pm
	Cleopatra	6.30pm
Sun 4	Paris-Manhattan	4pm
	Cleopatra	6.30pm
Mon 5	Stories We Tell	6.30pm
	Populaire	8.50pm
Tue 6	Populaire	6.30pm
	Stories We Tell	8.50pm
Wed 7	Stories We Tell	6.30pm
	Populaire	8.50pm
Thu 8	Populaire	6.30pm
	Stories We Tell	8.50pm
Fri 9	Breathe In	6.30pm
	Easy Money	8.45pm
Sat 10	Roman Holiday	4pm
	Easy Money	6.30pm
	Breathe In	9pm

Ticket prices are £5.75 or £5.10 for matinee performances. Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office within the Arts Centre.

### Big Screen

Located on the Piazza, the Big Screen will be broadcasting a range of sporting events, movies and shows during the conference.

### Lakes and Nature Reserve

Within a few minutes walk from the Rootes Residence, the lakes and nature reserve are a perfect location to jog, walk or just relax during the conference.





## Leisure Facilities

Throughout the conference, there will be the opportunity to take part in leisure and sporting activities. Conference participants also have use of some of the comprehensive sports facilities, including the swimming pool and fitness suite, free of charge. Other facilities are available for a nominal charge, and will need to be booked in advance. To access the facilities, you will need to present your bedroom key at the Sports Centre Reception.

### Sports Centre opening times

The main Sports Centre opening times are:  
07.15—21.30 Monday to Friday  
08.15—19.30 Saturday and Sunday

### Exercise Class Timetable

A range of exercise classes are available to conference guests. These are chargeable at £2.00 per activity and do need to be booked in advance. Please arrive at the Sports Centre in time, as latecomers are not allowed.

Sat 3	Body Combat/Body Attack	17.30—18.30
Sun 4	Body Combat/Body Attack	17.30—18.30
Mon 5	Yoga	17.30—18.30
Tue 6	Freestyle Studio Cycle	17.30—18.30
Wed 7	Body Pump	17.30—18.30
Thu 8	Popmobility	17.30—18.30
	Vibe Cycle	17.30—18.30
	Body Balance	20.00—21.00
Fri 9	Freestyle Studio Cycle	16.30—17.30

### Chargeable Facilities

#### Sauna

£2.35 admission charge, towels hire included.

#### Table Tennis

Equipment hire charges only.

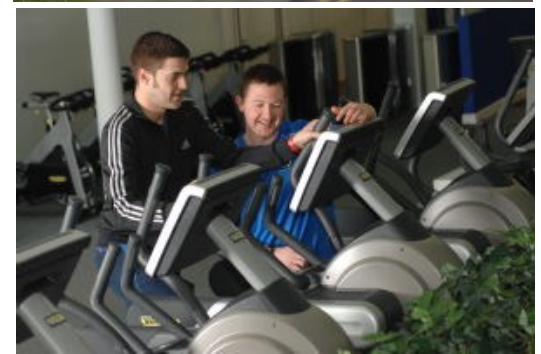
#### Tennis Centre

Outdoor £4.90 per hour

Indoor £12.75 per hour, £17.50 per hour peak time.

#### Climbing Wall

£3.50 per session plus equipment charges. Please note supervisory permission must be provided before session. No introductory sessions available.









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