

Dear Participant

PLUREL general meeting: 25-27 May 2010:

Joining Information

Welcome to Manchester for the final General Meeting of the PLUREL Integrated Project.

We are now emailing with details for attendance.

Registration will take place between 9-10 a.m. on Monday 24th (for those joining the Policy Workshop): and 8.30-10 a.m. on Tuesday 25 May 2010. The following information may assist participants in planning their travel and other arrangements.

Location: the meeting is being held at:

Chancellors Conference Centre
Chancellors Way, Moseley Road
Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6NN

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Web: www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/chancellors/

A map giving directions to the university campus and the location of Chancellors is available at <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/visitors/travel/maps>.

Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre is conveniently located for all local amenities.

- About 3 miles from Piccadilly Train Station (10-15 minute taxi, or about £10):
- about 5 miles from Manchester International Airport (15-20 minute taxi, about £15).
- If you are travelling by car, Chancellors has a secure car park with up to 90 spaces free of charge.
- There is also a rail service from the airport to central Manchester (Piccadilly rail station, or better at Oxford Road rail station), and then bus services to Fallowfield from Piccadilly Gardens bus station or Oxford Road (services 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 are very frequent: ask for the junction of Wilmslow Road with Wilbraham Road).
- Participants arriving by rail can take either a taxi or bus from central Manchester to Chancellors.
- Chancellors is adjacent to a National off-road cycle route which is ideal for touring the outer city (www.sustrans.org.uk/sustrans-near-you/north-of-england/greater-manchester)

Flight disruption: the UK is in the path of the ash from the Icelandic volcano, and there are periodic shutdowns of UK airspace. Please check with your airline before departure, or on the Manchester airport site at www.manaairport.co.uk

Accommodation: has been reserved at Chancellors Conference Centre for all those who requested it. All daytime meals and certain evening meals will be provided at Chancellors, as marked on the programme. For outside eating there are many restaurants / bars / clubs on Wilmslow Road (A6010) which is 200m away.

Programme: The draft conference programme is attached for your information, although we do not foresee any major changes occurring before the event. The final programme will be included in your delegate pack which will be given to you at registration. This and other papers will be posted on the Manchester site www.manchester.ac.uk/plurel

Weather: still mixed, so please come prepared. This is the 24-31 May advance forecast (www.bbc.co.uk/weather): *"high pressure will keep the weather settled in most areas, especially in southern, central and western parts. Northern and northeastern areas will tend to*

be cloudier and breezier at times with a higher risk of showers, and here it is likely to turn cooler towards the end of the month”.

PLUREL events: as on the attached programme:

- Monday 24th, 10-5.30: ‘Policy Workshop’ for invited researchers and policy-makers (details to follow separately).
- Tuesday 25th, 6.30-8.00: Evocative Event, in the main chamber, showing parallel multi-media productions, with refreshments.
- Wednesday 26th, 4.00-9.00: peri-urban field trip, ending with the award-winning Incredible Edible scheme in Todmorden (www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk), and a local organic buffet dinner. (note the bus is now fully booked). This includes a short walk around the town, so bring outdoor clothing.

Outside events:

If you are able to stay before or after the main meeting, there are several programmes on offer:

- **Chorlton Arts Festival** is one of the largest in the North, 20th-30th May, only 2km west of the conference venue. <http://chorltonartsfestival.com/>. (The PLUREL field trip on 26th is visiting Sale Water Park which is on the south side of Chorlton).
- **Future Everything:** Award-winning world premieres of astonishing artworks, explosive music, visionary thinkers, outstanding social technology innovations. The main festival is 12-15 May, around the city centre, but many exhibitions continue through May & June. www.futureeverything.org/
- Many other events, for every possible taste, as listed on www.manchestereventsguide.co.uk/ - or www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500004/events/2552/unmissable_manchester_2010/1

We look forward to seeing you in Manchester - if you have any queries about these arrangements please contact Debra Whitehead (email: debra.whitehead@manchester.ac.uk), or Kellie Gallagher on kellie.gallagher@manchester.ac.uk.

Otherwise contact Joe Ravetz anytime on +44 7719 233115

With best regards

Joe Ravetz and Debra Whitehead