

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Conference Venue

The conference takes place at *The John McIntyre Conference Centre (JMCC)* and at *South Hall Complex (SHC)* at the Pollock Halls, Edinburgh, from 2-5 June. The Conference Office and Press Rooms will be based at the JMCC (see maps).

Pollock Halls

University of Edinburgh

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The Sunday Celebrations on 6 June take place at local churches in the morning (list of venues will be included in the conference pack), and at the *General Assembly Hall* in the afternoon.

General Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland

The Mound

Edinburgh EH1 2LU - UK

Travel

Edinburgh 2010 volunteers will be at Edinburgh airport on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 June to greet delegates and media representatives. Look out for welcomers wearing tartan sashes and carrying an Edinburgh 2010 sign. They will direct you to a coach for travel to Pollock Halls. For those travelling at other times, or arriving at different venues see <http://www.edinburghfirst.co.uk/getting-here> for further information.

Parking at Pollock Halls is limited and is on a first come first served basis.

Press Registration

Residential journalists report to Pollock Halls Reception Centre to register for their room and collect keys. Non-residential journalists report to the Conference Office in the JMCC to register for the conference, collect their press passes and conference bags.

Press registration is open on 2 June, 14:15 to 21:30, and from 3-5 June, 8:30 to 21:30.

Catering

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

For journalists having booked a fixed residential/non-residential rate through Edinburgh University, all meals will be available in the JMCC restaurant. Menus cater for a variety of dietary options. See conference programme for times of breakfast, lunch and dinner.

If you have not booked a fixed rate through Edinburgh University, lunch and dinner vouchers may be purchased from the Pollock Halls Reception Centre.

There is a cash point, basic shop, coffee area and bar within the JMCC.

Press Facilities at the Pollock Halls (2-5 June)

The Pollock Halls Press Rooms (Prestonfield and Duddingston) are located at the JMCC, and open on Wednesday, 2 June, 16:00 to 21:30, and 3-5 June, 8:30-21:30.

Wi-Fi access in the JMCC and SHC are free. You will receive a voucher at registration. Wi-Fi access in the bedrooms may be purchased from the Pollock Halls Reception Centre.

Journalists need to bring their own computer. Power sockets are in the press rooms. For any essential printing contact the Conference Office.

Press Facilities at the General Assembly Hall (6 June)

The General Assembly Hall Press Room (Lecture Room 1) is located at New College (enter through General Assembly Hall), and opens on Sunday, 6 June, 14:00-19:00. You will be greeted by stewards wearing tartan sashes.

Journalists need to bring their own computer. Power sockets will be provided. Wi-Fi access in Lecture Room 1 is free. More information on the Sunday Celebrations will be provided at registration.

Press Access to Conference Sessions

Due to limited places in the main hall, the Pentland Suite (PS), all Plenary Sessions will be transmitted to the Press Rooms. Press won't have direct access to the Pentland Suite during the following times:

2 June, 20:00, Evening Welcome

3 June, 11:00, Opening Plenary 'Mission in long perspective'

4 June, 11:00, Plenary 2, 'Mission worldwide'

5 June, 20:00, Closing Plenary, 'Towards a common call'

Access to sessions of track 1 (study themes 1, 8, 9) may be subject to availability. Access to all other conference sessions is unlimited.

There will be a reception for conference delegates at the Scottish Parliament on the evening of Thursday 3 June. The number of places is strictly limited. Admission is restricted to official conference delegates and named special guests. To request admission, subject to availability of places, contact: vol2010@cofscotland.org.uk. You will require your conference delegate badge/ media pass and proof of identity as part of the security procedures on arrival. This includes an airport style check. For more information on the Scottish Parliament visit: www.scottish.parliament.uk

Press Access to Sunday Celebrations

The media is invited to attend conferences services in local churches on the morning of Sunday, 6 June. A list of Morning Services will be included in the conference pack.

The number of places in the Assembly Hall is limited. Press is invited to watch the Closing Celebration in the Press Room (Lecture Room I). A live transmission will be provided. If you wish to attend the service in the hall, please register your ticket request, subject to availability, with vol2010@cofscotland.org.uk.

Press Programme

The press briefing and two press conferences will take place at the Pollock Halls and feature panel discussions with selected delegates on critical issues in mission and ecumenism. More information will be provided during the press briefing.

A press conference with the Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, and other guests will take place in Lecture Room 1 at New College/General Assembly Hall after the Closing Celebration.

Day	Time	Programme	Venue
Wed, 2 June	16:30 – 17:30	Press Briefing	JMCC – Prestonfield
Fri, 4 June	9:00-10:00	Press Conference I	JMCC – Prestonfield
Sat, 5 June	9:00-10:00	Press Conference II	JMCC – Prestonfield
Sun, 6 June	17:30-18:15	Press Conference III with the Archbishop of York and other guests	New College, Lecture Room 1

Photos, Filming, Interview Requests

The Edinburgh 2010 Media Team will provide official conference photos of the proceedings at the end of each day online. These photos can be used free of charge for articles on Edinburgh 2010, mission and the ecumenical movement. Please credit © Gary Doak for Edinburgh 2010. More information will be provided at registration.

The conference proceedings and Closing Celebration will be filmed. Video highlights of the conference will be posted at the end of each day on the Edinburgh 2010 website (www.edinburgh2010.org). For more information, please contact jadam@cofscotland.org.uk.

If you require a photo pass or film pass, and have not already done so, please contact jadam@cofscotland.org.uk.

Our media team will assist you with interview requests during the conference. More information will be provided at registration.

Contact Information

Our media team will be based at the Conference Office (Boardroom 1 and 2) in the JMCC for information, advice and help. A team of stewards will be on duty to guide and assist you in any way, and can be recognised by their tartan sashes.

The Conference Office will be open during the following times:

Wednesday, 2 June, 14:15-21:30

Thursday-Saturday, 3-5 June, 8:30-21:30

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