

The Martineau Society

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Annual Conference 2017 - Hull

Venue: The Mercure Royal Hotel, 170 Ferensway, Hull, HU1 3UF Tel: 01482-325087

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-8203-mercure-hull-royal-hotel/index.shtml>

Dates: July 24th – July 27th 2017

Dear Martineau Society Member,

This year we will be going to a place which has few Martineau connections as such, but does have a fascinating eighteenth and nineteenth-century history, and important links with the history of slavery through one of its most famous sons, William Wilberforce. Hull is also UK City of Culture for 2017, so it's the ideal year to see the city at its liveliest. As a strapline says: 'Anything could happen' – which means the programme of events is still in the making. If we hear of anything that might be of interest during this week we will try to make room for it.

The conference will be a mixture of papers, trails and social events. It will also be a good opportunity to learn about famous people who visited the area or lived here for a while including: V Lewis Carroll (who may have been inspired by the 'Messenger Rabbit' figure in St Mary's Church, Beverley), Charles Dickens (who gave readings in the main theatre) and Queen Victoria (who stayed in our hotel in 1854 and whose statue is in Victoria Square). Mary Wollstonecraft grew up in Beverley, and sensation novelist Mary Elizabeth Braddon performed on stage in both Hull and Beverley.

I enclose a conference **registration form** which should be sent to the Society's Secretary, Sharon Connor (details below) and also details of how to book the hotel for the Conference, and how to get to the Mercure Royal Hotel (which is perfect if you are coming by train, as it joins on to the station).

The cost of the full Conference, to be paid to the Society, will be £165 per person. This cost includes lunches and three course dinners each day provided by the hotel. It does NOT include the hotel accommodation, which is payable directly to the hotel (details below). This year there will be a £10 conference registration fee. Please see the final page for details of bursaries available. When booking for the Conference accommodation, please contact the hotel directly using only the indicated telephone number or email address to secure the special rates for the "**Martineau Society Conference**". You are strongly advised to have insurance against illness or other reason for cancellation.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Sanders

Conference Organiser

(Further enquiries: V.R.Sanders@hull.ac.uk)

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Registration Form – Delegate Details

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Title of Paper or Presentation (max 45 mins including Q&A) you wish to give:

Please state any other relevant information including special dietary requirements and/or access needs and please also give this information when booking with the Mercure Royal Hotel.

Please complete this Registration Form and send it **to arrive by Friday 9th June:**

by post to: Dr Sharon Connor 13 Lancaster Road, Formby, Merseyside L37 6AS

by email to: sharonconnor@live.co.uk

You may if you prefer simply send an email message containing the information requested on the Registration Form.

To make your Conference payment - to be paid by Friday 16th June

The cost per person for the full Conference is £175, including the £10 registration fee.

The non-resident Conference Day Rate (including lunch but not evening dinner) is £30 (plus the £10 registration fee).

Please pay either by cheque made out to the Martineau Society (posted with your Registration Form please) or directly to the Martineau Society bank account below, ensuring you give your name as reference.

Bank sort code: 60-15-54 Account number 14082748

Outside the UK, please liaise with your bank for an international banker's draft, or consider using a money transfer company.

Any problems email fowlesdee@gmail.com (Treasurer)

To book your stay at the Conference Hotel

The accommodation cost for individuals for 3 nights including breakfast is £222.

The accommodation cost for couples is £252.

To book ring the hotel on 01482-325087 and quote 'Martineau Society'.

Please note that the hotel has guaranteed to hold a number of rooms until 30th April but after that date will release any that have not been taken up. So if you can, please book your room early.

Any problems email V.R.Sanders@hull.ac.uk

Getting to the Mercure Royal Hotel, Hull

The Mercure Royal Hotel is in Hull's city centre. It abuts on to the railway station concourse, with its main entrance on Ferensway. The postcode of the hotel is HU1 3UF.

Proposed Conference Timetable

Monday 24th July

Afternoon: Arrival / Committee Meeting

6.30pm: Dinner + Welcome Talk

Tuesday 25th July

10am – 1pm: Papers

2pm – 5pm: Afternoon Trail – Hull’s Old Town and Museum Quarter; Land of Green Ginger; High Street; Wilberforce Museum

6.30pm: Dinner + Social

Wednesday 26th July

10am – 1pm: Papers

2pm – 5pm: Afternoon: train to Beverley to see the Minster, St Mary’s Church, and Wednesday Market, where Mary Wollstonecraft grew up; alternative options: Ferens Art Gallery, Maritime Museum (Victoria Square), Street Life Museum (Museum Quarter).

6.30pm: Dinner + Social

Thursday 27th July

10am – 11.30am: Papers

12noon: Society AGM followed by buffet lunch

Bursaries

Can you meet these criteria below and do you wish to claim a bursary?

The Martineau Society sponsors students to attend the annual conference which will be held in Hull, UK City of Culture 2017, on 24 – 27 July, 2017. Bursaries are usually £250. Those wishing to apply should fulfil the criteria below.

The applicant should:

- **be a research student;**
- **present a paper on their research at the conference;**
- **be a member of the Society (annual student membership of £10 will be waived for one year should you present a paper to the Conference).**
- **arrange for a letter/email of support to be sent, from a supervisor or departmental administrator if unavailable, indicating reasons for his or her support for the applicant’s attendance at the conference.**

Help with conference expenses is also available in exceptional circumstances to current Society members who wish to give a paper or presentation. Please send an explanatory letter/email.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY ADMINISTRATOR, PROFESSOR GABY WEINER

by post to: 27 East Street, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2L ,UK

or by email to: gaby.weiner@btinternet.com