u3a in Scotland

Scottish Charity SC030370

Summer School, Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd August 2024

Booking Notes

The Form: One form has to be completed for each applicant. If you intend to share a room with another person, please indicate this on the booking form. Please, ensure that the forename you put on the booking form is the same as the one you want to have on your badge,

Selecting a Course: Please, select your first choice and then only select a second choice if you are willing to do that in the event of your first choice being full. If your first choice is full, you will automatically be assigned to your second choice. If you do not put an alternative course, you will be put on a waiting list for your first choice. If there is insufficient demand, a course may be cancelled. If this happens with your first choice, and you have not named a second choice, you will be advised of any courses with vacancies. If you do not choose another course and wish to withdraw, your deposit will be refunded. **Please note that you cannot mix courses.** As we are aiming for, at least, 60 participants, there will be 10-12 participants on each course. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please, book early to ensure you get your first choice.

On late Tuesday afternoon, there will be a choice of talks and on Wednesday, a choice of alternative activities. These only need to be booked on arrival at Summer School.

Accommodation: The majority of rooms will be on the ground or first floor, are ensuite, with lift access, and all have wifi. Most rooms in Stirling Court Hotel are classic double rooms for single or double occupancy with a few twin rooms available. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, hair dryer and TV. Rooms in Willow Court (University guest accommodation) are ensuite with a small double bed for single or double occupancy, with access to a central kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities and a lounge with sofa and TV.

Accessibility campus is generally flat and has ramped access for motorised chairs/scooters. If you use one, please, indicate on the booking form. All seminar rooms are on the ground floor.

Travel: Travel information will be sent in June 2024 along with other details. If you plan to bring your car onto the campus, please, remember to register at the keypad by the hotel reception. Failure to do so, WILL result in a parking fine. Non resident attendees must register daily and anyone who drives off the campus, during their stay, must reregister on return to avoid a fine. There are EV charging points on the campus. The current cost is 16p per KW for up to 4 hours. They are accessed using a Charge Place Scotland card or app. The app may be available to people non resident in Scotland but you may also pay by contactless debit or credit card.

Registration: Registration will take place between 13.00 and 14.30 on Tuesday 20th August. Arrangements for collecting keys will be updated in June 2024. In 2022, we were assigned a room, where baggage could be left if people did not have time to go to their room, before the start of Summer School, and it is to be hoped this will be available again. Registration for Summer School will be in an area, set aside, within the main reception area of Stirling Court Hotel.

Payment Terms: A non refundable* deposit of £50 should be sent with the completed application form, to arrive, as soon as possible after booking opens on 2nd January 2024. On receipt of the deposit, your booking will be confirmed by email, if you provide an email address. The balance should be paid by Friday 31st May 2024.

Please pay by bank transfer, if possible, and email a copy of the completed application form to summerschoolu3ascotland@gmail.com or you may send a copy of the completed form to Anne Walsh c/o 8 Faraday Place, Addiewell, West Calder, West Lothian EH55 8NG. Payment by cheque should also be sent to the above address.

Cheques and online payments to be payable to the UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SCOTLAND and please use your name as an online reference.

Bank details: UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SCOTLAND,

sort code 80-11-30 Account No. 00446408.

The balance is to be paid by 31st May 2024 and you should receive a reminder about two weeks beforehand.

If sending payment by cheque, if possible, please inform Anne Walsh summerschoolu3ascotland@gmail.com by email.

Full board residential at Stirling Court Hotel (single) £398,

Sharing double or twin £329 per person,

Participant sharing with a tutor, £260,

Willow Court (single) £354, double per person £307.

Day delegates both evening meals £240, Day delegates, one evening meal (Wednesday only) £207, Day delegate, no evening meals £175.

Once the full balance has been paid, you will be sent further information on travel, accommodation, campus facilities, more about your course and a daily timetable of events.

Please note that refunds cannot be made within 6 weeks of the start of the event, i.e. 9th July. Members are advised to take out insurance cover for cancellation. While we cannot advise who to use, we believe that Saga were able to provide cover last year.

All documents are available on the u3ain Scotland website: https://u3asites.org.uk/Scotland.

Any further queries should be directed to Anne Walsh: summerschoolu3ascotland@gmail.com

For further information about rooms at Stirling Court Hotel or Willow Court Guest Accommodation or to book extra nights, please, see Stirling Venues.

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*Refunds of deposit will only be made if your course is cancelled by u3a in Scotland and you do not want assigned to another.