

The Little Conference Handbook

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fáilte and Welcome in Dublin City University. This little conference handbook offers a non exhaustive list of things to do around DCU or in the city centre. Dublin is an exciting town, full of great places to go and places to rest, eat and drink. Have fun!

Transports

FROM DCU

Buses (on Ballymum rd side)

- for city centre: 4, 4A, 11, 13, 13A, 19A
- bus stop located on Ballymum Road
- Ask the driver where you want to go – main stops on O’Connell Street and Dame Street

- Fares 1.60 € in change only (bus drivers don’t take notes at all!)

Taxi

- You can hail any taxis with their yellow lights on
- It will cost you less than 10-12 € for city centre and if you share the ride, it will be cheaper.

TO DCU

Buses: 4, 4A, 11, 13, 13A, 19A – buses stops on Westmorland Street and O’Connell Street
Ask the driver to stop at DCU

Fares 1.60 € in change only (bus drivers don’t take notes at all!)

Taxi : You can hail any taxis with their yellow lights on. It will cost you less than 10-12 € for city centre and if you share the ride, it will cheaper
Ask to stop at DCU Ballymum entrance (cheaper)

Post offices

- The closest post to DCU is on the Ballymum corner (on your left exiting DCU by Ballymum road)
- General Post Office (GPO) is on O’Connell Street.

Emergency numbers

Garda (police) 999 or 112

Campus (+353) (0) 1 700 5999



What to do around DCU?

WHERE TO EAT ?

Anderson Café, 3 the rise, Glasnevin (<http://www.andersons.ie/andersons.htm>). To get there, exit towards the Ballymum Road, turn left and walk for 5 minutes, take second street on your left and follow the street until you see the restaurant. They also have a creperie on Carlingford road (not far from independent pizza and Fagan's pub).



Chilli Banana, 112 Upper Drumcondra Road, Drumcondra, Drumcondra. To get there, take the bus number 13A or 11, ask the driver to stop on Upper Drumcondra (fare 1.15€) 15 min walk from DCU (Collins avenue and Drumcondra Rd)

Independent Pizza, Lower Drumcondra, +353 (0)1 830 2044, Best pizza in Dublin, be advised you may need book a table even in the week. To get there, take the bus number 13A or 11, ask the driver to stop on Lower Drumcondra (fare 1.15€) 15/20 min walk from DCU (Collins avenue and Drumcondra Rd)



WHERE TO DRINK?

the Ivy Lounge and **the Cat and Cage** are situated on Upper Drumcondra Road. To get there, take the bus number 13A or 11, ask the driver to stop on Upper Drumcondra (fare 1.15€) - 15 min walk from DCU (Collins avenue and Drumcondra Rd)

the Porterhouse North, Cross Guns Bridge

10€ menu on the weekdays. To get there, take the buses 4, 4A, 13 (not 13A! it will bring in the opposite direction) or 19A (fare 1.15€). They have a full dinner menu as well. 25 min walk from DCU (Ballymum Road exit and always straight down)

WHERE TO SHOP?

There is a small convenience store and a pharmacy on campus. There are also two larger supermarkets located on either side of the campus, one on the Ballymun Road, opposite Hampstead Park, and the other on Shanowen Road, just north of the campus.



WHAT TO SEE?

The **National Botanic Gardens** are located just two kilometres from DCU. From DCU, take buses 4, 4A, 13 (not 13A! it will bring in the opposite direction) or 19A (fare 1.15€)

The coffeehouse has good value food, an impressive collection of desserts and can be very busy if sunny, especially on week ends!

Glasnevin Cemetery might be a weird place to visit, but this is the oldest Dublin cemetery, opened in 1832. It is said that more than a million persons are buried on the grounds. It is also the 1st home of very famous Irish people. Tours take place daily at 11.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm (5€). Opening time Monday – Friday: 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday: 10am–6pm

Dublin City Centre

Tourist information on Dublin city is available from Discover Ireland at <http://www.discoverireland.ie/> and from <http://www.visitdublin.com/> although again we can offer some personal recommendations.

Tip: the Spire (the weird space needle) planted in the middle of O'Connell Street is useful point of reference when walking in the streets

ESSENTIAL



Guinness Storehouse. To get there by buses: 51B from Aston Quay, 78A from Aston Quay, 123 from O'Connell Street, 123 from Dame Street and by walk: if you are on the top of Dame Street, turn your back to the National Bank of Ireland and keep straight ahead. Follow the road around, passing Christchurch on the right and leading onto Thomas Street. At Crane Street turn left, and at the end of the road turn right onto Market Street.

Opening: 7 days a week from 9.30am – 5pm (last admission is at 5pm). Late opening during July and August until 7pm (last admission is at 7pm).

Recommendation: have a drink on the top of the tower and if you are lucky it will be sunny – it is the best place to see Dublin from heights

ALTERNATIVE PLAN—for whiskey lovers

Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery, Smithfield. To get there, follow the red line of the LUAS (tramway), turning your back to O'Connell Street (Abbey Street, Chancery Street and Hammong Lane), Openings: 7 days, 9.00am-6.30pm (last tour 5.30pm)

MUSEUMS

The National Museum of Ireland (Archaeology and decorative arts). To get there by transport: LUAS red line, Advise to walk: follow the quays, turning your back to O'Connell Street, about 15 min

Opening: closed Monday, Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 - 17:00, Sunday: 14:00 - 17:00, Free

Chester Beatty Library, described by the Lonely Planet as not just the best museum in Ireland, but one of the best in Europe. To get there: behind Dublin Castle (on Dame Street)

Opening: Monday to Friday, 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M, free

The National Gallery (Paintings and Sculpture), Merrion Square and Clare Street. To get there, by walk from O'Connell Street, cross the bridge and take Westmorland street, turn left once at Trinity, on Nassau Street, keep straight until Clare Street and Merrion Square

By bus: 13 and 13A buses stops in Merrion Square

Opening: Monday to Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm, Thursday 9.30am-8.30pm, Sunday 12pm-5.30pm, free

TEMPLE BAR

Touristic heartbeat of the city, Temple Bar has many pubs and shops to see. Don't be surprised by the small area, it has many back streets in which you tend to get lost.

PARKS

Merrion Square and St Stephen's Green Parks

SHOPS

"rish" souvenirs at [Carroll's](#) (O'Connell Street, Henry Street, Guinness store, Westmorland street, Talbot Street, Suffolk street, St. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre)

Shopping centres (Ilac and Jervis) on Henry Street, Brown Thomas on Grafton street and St Stephen's Shopping Centre (top of Grafton Street, by the Park St Stephen's Green)

Coffee and Tea time

many coffees shops are available : O'Briens, Insomnia Café etc... they offer snacks too. Shops like Debenhams, Arnott's, Marks & Spencer (Henry Street) and others on Grafton Street also have little gems of coffee (and snacks) places inside their door. Try Café Bardelli in the Bewleys building on Grafton Street



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WHERE TO EAT



Temple bar area

Gallagher's Boxty House (Irish traditional food for good value, booking advised, it is often busy +353 (0)1 677-2762)

Elephant & Castle (famous chicken wings)

Bad Ass Grill (ex Bad Ass Café, burgers and grills)

Hard Rock Café

Monty's of Kathmandu (traditional Nepalese food)



The North Side

The Woolshed (Australian Bar, Parnell Street, when on top of O'Connell Street, turn your back to the river and the Spire and turn left, it is beside the cinema)

Yamamori (Japanese restaurant, Lower Ormond Quay)

The South Side

Yamamori (South Georges Street)

Market's bar (Fadé St, off South Georges Street)

L'Gueuleton (French restaurant, Fadé St, off South Georges Street, facing Market's bar)

Vegetarian options

Cornucopia Restaurant (Wicklow Street)

Govindas (Aungier Street, Middle Abbey Street and Merrion Row)

Nude (Suffolk Street)

Juice (Georges Street)

WHERE TO DRINK

Tip: Irish pubs close early in the week by 11.30 and between 12.30 to 2.30 in the week end... Night clubs closed by 3.30 / 4pm in the week end.

Traditional pubs (with traditional music)

Brazen head (Merchant Quays and Bridge Street)

Cobblestone (North King Street, top of Smithfield)

the Celt (Talbot Street)

Oliver St John Gogarty (Temple Bar)

The International Bar (Exchequer Street)



Pubs

Hogan's (Georges Street)

Messrs Maguire (Beside Heineken Building on the quays)

Central Station (O'Connell)

The Long Hall (South Georges Street)

most of the Temple Bar pubs

Grogan's (South Williams Street, between Grafton and South Georges Street)

Porterhouse on Parliament Street



Cocktails bars

Capitol (Georges Street) (5€ euro cocktails everyday before 12pm)

Porterhouse Central (Grafton Street)

Dancing / Clubs

Club M (temple bar)

D2 (Harcourt Street)

McGowans (Phisboro Rd, buses 19A and 4A from DCU) – late bar in the week

Village (Camden Street, South of Georges Street)

The George (South George Street)