



Glasgow National Conference 2015

Diverse Connections



Schedule

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

14.00 – Check-in opens for conference

Choice of two tours

- **Glasgow Necropolis Guided Walk led by Alan and Catherine Watt (NWR member)**

The Necropolis is one of the most significant cemeteries in Europe and has similarities to Père Lachaise in Paris. It is a unique representation of Victorian Glasgow, built when Glasgow was the second city of the British Empire. It is a memorial to the merchant patriarchs of the City and contains the remains of almost every eminent Glaswegian of its day.

- **Tour of Glasgow City Chambers in George Square (ten minutes' walk from Grand Central Hotel).**

At the east side of George Square stands one of the city's most important and prestigious buildings - the City Chambers. This Victorian masterpiece is recognised as one of the most beautiful in the UK and is a favourite among locals and tourists.

The City Chambers is the focal point of George Square and is an impressive symbol of Glasgow's political strength and historical wealth. Completed in 1888, the City Chambers has for over a hundred years been the headquarters of successive councils serving the City of Glasgow.

18.00 – Two-course meal at Mercure Hotel (five minutes' walk from Grand Central Hotel)

20.00 – Quiz at Mercure Hotel – come and enjoy a fresh and unusual approach to quizzing.

SATURDAY 20 JUNE

8.30 – Registration with refreshments

9.15 – Welcome

9.30 – Gordon Jackson, Head Concierge of the Grand Central Hotel

9.45 – **Alistair Moffat**, writer, journalist and founder of multiple DNA and ancestry websites, talking about the history of DNA

10.45 – Refreshments

11.30 – **Sally Magnusson**, broadcaster, talking about her acclaimed book *Where Memories Go*

12.30 – Lunch

13.45 – Presentation of Mary Stott Award, Recruitment Draw, 2016 conference

14.15 – AGM

15.15 – Short comfort break

15.30 – **Mairi Nasr**, teacher and author who lived in the Middle East for twenty years, talking about the possibility of achieving a truly global community

16.30 – Scottish interlude, refreshments and departure

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

Guided City Walk

Guide Bruce Cochran (Blue Badge Guide) Member of the Scottish Tourist Guides Association Elected Director S.T.G.A. Accredited Trainer

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GLASGOW

The City boasts world famous art collections, the best shopping in the United Kingdom outside London (notable at Buchanan Galleries), and the most vibrant nightlife in Scotland.

Free things to do and city information website

Information on what to see and do is available from the [city information website](#) which gives visitors all the information they need in one place, including travel, attractions, discounts and restaurants. However, if you wish to pull out specific ideas on free attractions, the following would be good options:

- Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery
- Gallery of Modern Art
- People's Palace and Winter Gardens
- St Mungo's Museum
- The Burrell Collection
- Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery
- Glasgow Botanic Gardens
- Riverside Museum
- City walking trails
- The Lighthouse

Charles Rennie Mackintosh – you cannot visit Glasgow without seeing the Art Nouveau work of this architect, designer and artist who was one of Scotland's most influential, creative figures.

There are numerous attractions around the city. Find out more about them and about the Mackintosh Trail Ticket by visiting the [website](#).

Walking trails

- [Merchant City](#)
- [Glasgow Women's Library](#) (Necropolis, Merchant City, West End)

Cruise the Clyde

See Glasgow from the water. This 90-minute [river tour](#) will take you right through the heart of the city. With a day ticket you can hop on and off at various stops. Why not stop off at the Glasgow Science Centre?

Travelling back in time: Transport yourself

[Glasgow's Riverside Museum](#) won the European Museum of the Year Award 2014. Clamber on and off a South African locomotive, ride an old subway train and wander down a full-size recreation of an early 20th century Glasgow street.

Musically....

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