

SMOFcon 2016
FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE - BIDS

Name of Bid: UK in 2024

Who will represent your bid at MAC II and how can they be contacted?

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What are the proposed dates for which you are bidding?

August 2024

What is your proposed convention host city?

The group have looked at 12 locations in the UK and shortlisted the following three locations. A working party will be formed post Conrunner (Feb 2017) in the UK to discuss this further:

Glasgow SECC

(Worldcons 95 and 05 were held here).

The SECC have updated their 3000 seat auditorium with better acoustics and seating. There are now six hotels on site with 800 rooms. The new adjoining arena has further conference rooms and break out spaces which could be used for parties / launches.

Glasgow SECC has strong relations with previous Worldcons (1995, 2005) and a good relationship with the City, SECC and fans such as Mark Meenan and Vince Docherty exists.

The city has undergone considered urban regeneration in recent years and the council are keen to promote this. And the food is great!

Suburb Location

Dedicated train station: Exhibition Centre Station

Nearest International Airport: Glasgow International

Taxi From Airport £15 (\$20)

Liverpool ACC

The ACC have an arena / auditorium which seats 11 000 but can be scaled down to purpose. Since it was considered for the 2014 bid they have added a new Exhibition Centre with 8,000m² of hall space and extra rooms.

Liverpool also has private boxes which would be good for parties and launches.

There is a new walk-in hotel which also has 28 accessible rooms of differing types (ie showers / walk in baths, hard / carpet flooring).

There are 6 hotels on site.

City Centre Location

Train Station: Liverpool Lime St.

Nearest International Airports: Liverpool John Lennon, Manchester Airport

Taxi from Station: £7 (\$9)

Taxi from Airport: (Manchester) £35 (\$46)

[The ExCel Centre, London](#)

The site of Loncon 3, the 2014 Worldcon.

There is an onsite hotel complex with multiple hotels of differing price ranges, and good transport links to central London.

London City Airport runs parallel to the ExCel Centre, and there is also rapid access to London Heathrow, London Gatwick and London Stansted Airports.

Central Location

Dedicated Rail Link: Custom House for ExCEL and Prince Regent on the Docklands Light Railway.

Nearest International Airports: London City, London Gatwick, London Heathrow, London Stansted.

Taxi from Airport: £20-50 (\$26-66), depending on venue.

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

	Birmingham	Glasgow	London	Manchester
Boston	£312 \$413 (1 stop)	£419 \$555 (1 stop)	£273 \$361	£430 \$569 (1 stop)
Chicago	£379 \$502 (1 stop)	£526 \$696 (1 stop)	£551 \$729	£466 \$617 (1 stop)
Dallas	£508 \$672 (1 stop)	£508 \$672 (1 stop)	£571 \$756	£469 \$621 (1 stop)
Dublin	£20 \$26	£28 \$37	£34 \$45	£20 \$26
Helsinki	£176 \$233 (1 stop)	£165 \$218 (1 stop)	£89 \$118	£121 \$160
London	£126* \$167 (1 stop)	£34 \$45	n/a	£91 \$120

Los Angeles	£414 \$548 (1 stop)	£496 \$656	£393 \$520	£334 \$442
Melbourne	£834 \$1103 (1 stop)	£997 \$1319 (1 stop)	£651 \$862 (1 stop)	£848 \$1122 (1 stop)

*or 60 minutes by train.

Hotels:

It is too early

to discuss hotels at this point.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking:

Smoking in restaurants and most recreational places, including convention centers, is illegal in the UK. Hotels will sometimes offer rooms for smoking, otherwise it must take place in designated areas or outside.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held?

The UK average is 19°C/66°F. There is a 50% chance of rain, and a 17% chance of clouds. Average rainfall is 48mm. This is the same in Scotland.

Who is on your committee?

The UK in 2024 team have formed a discussion group online to engage with conrunners and develop ideas over this early period. This group was initially formed by Emma England, James Bacon, Esther MacCallum-Stewart and Vanessa May.

In the last year we have met and discussed our plans with fans and conrunners from the UK and around the world at various conventions and events.

We have also consulted with former Worldcon Chairs and Division Heads about our plans, all of whom have offered to advise us (we accept!) and are members of the discussion group.

The group has the support of 5 previous Worldcon Chairs and 2 Bid Chairs.

We intend to develop our plans at the forthcoming Conrunner convention in February in the UK, where we will be holding a workshop and discussion group about future plans to develop the Bid. At Conrunner we will also form a working party to visit our core venues for a second time and to begin the discussion process of venue choice.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

We intend to follow the good practice set by previous Worldcons by forming a Bid Code of Conduct which our team must abide by. A similar CoC is available on the Dublin 2019 page [here](#)