

Dublin 2019, An Irish Worldcon

General

- **Contact for questions from fandom (*including email address*):**

info@dublin2019.com

- **What dates are you bidding for?**

Thursday 15th August to Monday 19th August 2019

- **What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?**

Dublin, Ireland.

The [Convention Centre Dublin](#) (CCD) is 0.9 of a mile (1400m) from the absolute centre of the city, O'Connell Bridge. Transport via the LUAS tram line and buses is available from outside the venue - the LUAS to the back, and the bus-stop directly outside the front (see below for more details). It is not a suburb, but is located adjacent to one of Dublin's tech/industry districts, so the surrounding area is mainly office buildings, eateries and hotels.

- **Who is your Chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?**

James Bacon is our Chair.

The Dublin 2019, an Irish Worldcon Committee consists of the following people. This group have experience with Worldcons as former Chairs, Division Heads and Area Heads, and as Chairs and volunteers at Irish Conventions including Octocon (the Irish National Convention) and Irish Discworldcon. Our committee have worked on conventions in Ireland, the UK, the USA and Europe. We also have committee members experienced in convention running beyond fandom (for example, the UK Games Expo and DiGRA UK):

- **If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?**

James Bacon.

James was the Bid Chair of Dublin 2019 since 2012. He has been a division head of Programming and taken multiple Worldcon AH roles over the years, often in Children's Programming. He first joined science fiction fandom in 1989, and went to his first convention; Octocon (Irish National Convention) in 1991, where he won the Golden Gopher award. In 1993 he joined the Octocon committee and subsequently became co-chair at the age of 21 of Octocon '95.

- **Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?**

We have, in our prior statements, accepted participation in passalong. We have made no decision as to whether we intend to increase our passalong beyond the 50% we have already committed to passing along. It should be noted that Passalong is very important to Dublin 2019.



Division Head(s)

DDH(s)

Events

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Exhibits

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Vincent Docherty

Hugo Admins
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Niall Harrison

Travel

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

We looked at the cheapest prices to Dublin for a 7 day return (as of November 2017).

Location	Direct / no. stops	Return \$	Return €
Amsterdam*	Direct	77	66
Auckland	2	1057	897
Berlin*	Direct	114	97
Boston	1	600	509
Changi, Singapore	1	794	673
Chicago	Direct	945	801
Chicago	1	633	537
Dallas	1	620	526

Los Angeles	Direct	1101	934
Los Angeles	1	679	576
London Luton	Direct	67	57
London Heathrow*	Direct	100	85
Melbourne	1	1014	860
Montreal	Direct	770	653
Montreal	1	535	454
San Francisco	Direct	1200	1018
San Francisco	1	678	575
Washington DC	Direct	548	465
Warsaw	Direct	147	125
Helsinki	1	136	115
Copenhagen*	Direct	125	106

*Major European transit destinations through which attendees might pass in transit.

- **Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?**

57 airlines use [Dublin Airport](#), including Aer Lingus, Air France, American Airlines, British Airways, Delta, Flybe.com, KLM, Lufthansa, Norwegian Airlines, RyanAir and United Airlines.

More details here :

<http://www.dublinairport.com/gns/flight-information/destinations-airlines/airline-contact-details.aspx>

We have marked direct flights on the table above, as well as listing most of the more useful ones below:

Direct Flights

To the USA: Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Connecticut, Delaware, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orlando, Miami, Philadelphia, Seattle, Washington DC.

To Canada: St Johns, Toronto.

To Capital Cities: Amsterdam, Athens, Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dubrovnik, Helsinki, Istanbul, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Reykjavik, Riga, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna, Vilnius, Warsaw, Zurich

To Agadir, Doha, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Addis Ababa

Dublin to London (Gatwick, Heathrow, Stansted, London City, Luton, Southend) is the 16th busiest flight route in the world with 91 flights a day and Dublin is the 4th busiest airport in Europe. Other UK airports served by Dublin include Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow and Bristol.

Preclearance is available for US customers.

- **How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the realistic cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?**

The airport is 8 miles from the CCD.

A bus stop in front of the CCD takes you on Dublin Bus 747 or 757 to Dublin Airport every 15 minutes. The 16 minute trip costs €7 (\$8.28). A return fare €12 (\$14.20) lasts for 7 days.

Taxi is €20 (\$24) to the airport.

Transport in general

The current map of the LUAS tramline (which is wheelchair accessible) is here:<https://www.luas.ie/routes>

However, from **9th December 2017**, a new line which passes by the CCD is being opened. The new map, including the cross-city is here:

<https://www.luascrosscity.ie/route-map-and-alignment-drawings-2/>

Facilities

- **What venues do you plan to use for the convention?**

Our primary venue will be the Convention Centre Dublin ([CCD](#)), which has:

- Over 8,000 sqm (89,000 sq ft) of Exhibition and Foyer Space that we will use for
 - Exhibits
 - Second Stage
 - Fan Lounges & Bars
 - Registration and associated activities
- A 2,000 Seat Auditorium
- 2,200 of Meeting Space split over 15-19 rooms ranging in size from 35 to 300 and depending on configuration

We are also currently considering nearby locations and their space allocations in the advent of overflow, and to facilitate extra space if required.

The CCD:

The [CCD](#) is a purpose built facility that comes as a fully serviced and equipped venue as part of its pricing. This includes tech, tech teams, hosts, security and managers who will assist the convention.

The auditorium is a 2,000 seater facility, with seats designed for all day plenaries. We may need more tech for the Hugos but we can source this from anywhere we want to reduce costs. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible from both the bottom level and top level and can be customised for our needs. Seating can be removed for extra access. The auditorium uses a boosted induction loop. There is a rising platform to access the auditorium stage as well as steps, and the backstage area is also wheelchair accessible.

There are a maximum of 15-19 meeting rooms depending on configuration, 4 boardrooms, 10 organizers offices, and 3 organizers backstage function rooms (a green room plus large male & female dressing rooms)

All meeting rooms have induction loops, projectors, screens, blackout curtains and PA systems fitted as part of the arrangement. We have also seen the rooms when they are being used by large groups and can confirm that there is no sound bleed between them.

Our two Exhibition Spaces will be the Liffey and the Forum. The former will be split to give us a 2nd stage with up to 950 seats and our "Pub" which will be over 600sqm of Hospitality Space. The 2,721sqm Forum is truck accessible and will be used for Exhibits including dealers and art-show. There are five foyers that can also be used. The foyer on the ground floor will be where Registration is situated.

The CCD is very vertically aligned; above the main foyer there are 3 floors which we expect to be always busy and another two above that. There are continuous escalators going up and down from each floor; each floor has four lifts, and two sets of stairs, and there are also other lifts in the building that we can use to ease access. The lifts on either side of the building are all mobility scooter accessible.

All signs are also in braille, and all meeting rooms have induction loops and black-out blinds. The induction loop in the Auditorium is reinforced.

Unisex toilets are available.

The Loading Bay is wheelchair accessible and provides access to the Auditorium and Forum/ Exhibits area.

- **What are your main hotels? How far are your they *by foot* from your main venue? List the number of rooms you expect to have in each hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms. Will there be a party hotel?**

Hotel	Room	Walk Distance
The Hilton Garden Inn	70	0.50km / 0.30m
The Spencer Hotel	100	0.30km / 0.20m
The Gibson Hotel	130	1.00km / 0.60m
Jury's Inn Parnell Street	70	2.00km / 1.25 m
Clayton Cardiff Lane	150	0.40km / 0.25m
Jurys Inn Christchurch	50	2.40km / 1.50m
The Maldron Pearce Street	40	0.85km / 0.55m
North Star Hotel	70	1.10km / 0.70m
The Gresham Hotel	150	1.80km / 1.15m
Croke Park Hotel	50	2.00km / 1.25m
The Marker	110	0.65km / 0.40m
Trinity College Student	150	1.80km / 1.15m
N.C.I Student	40	0.50km / 0.30m
Ashling Hotel	60	3.50km / 2.20m
Academy Plaza Hotel	50	1.70km / 1.05m
O'Callaghan Alexander	40	1.30km / 0.80m
O'Callaghan Davenport	40	1.30km / 0.80m
Trinity City Hotel	70	1.30km / 0.80m
Clayton Ballsbridge	120	3.20km / 2.00m

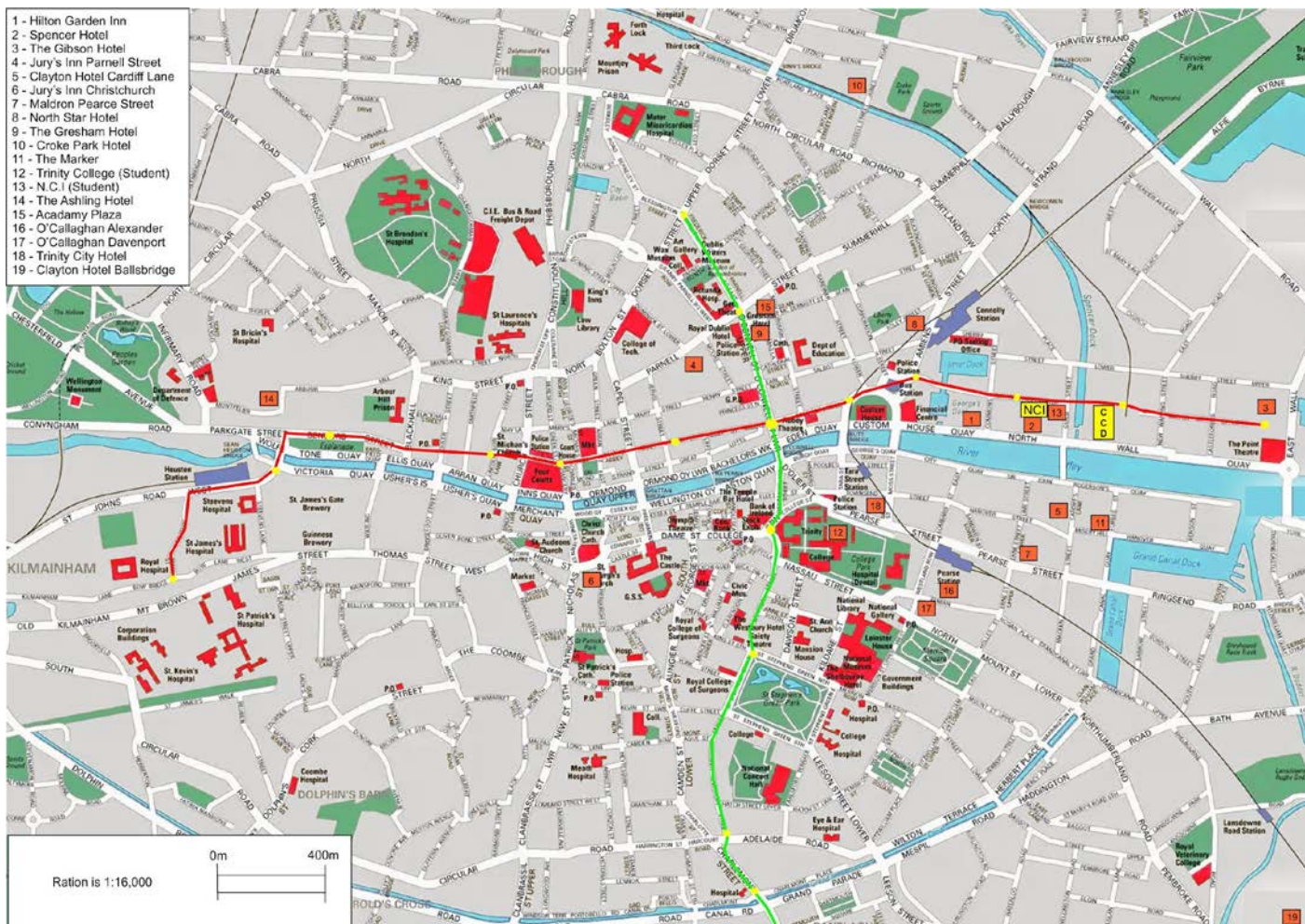
Total 1,560 Rooms average distance 1.45km / 0.9m from CCD

AirBnB operates throughout the city.

We will flip meeting rooms into party rooms in the evening. There will be a limited set-up time, but we feel locating the parties at the convention is a benefit. These spaces will be together on the second floor.

- **Please include a map of your site showing the locations of your facilities. Include every hotel in which you expect to have more than 75 rooms and every venue where program or exhibits will be held. *Include a distance scale!* (Feel free to just mark up a map with a pen – it needn't be pretty; it does need to be informative.)**

Hotels are numbered with orange boxes, and numbered according to the key. Our convention centre (CCD) is the larger building marked in yellow (to the right side of the map). The red line is the Red Line of the LUAS (tram line).



- **How compact is your main facility? How much walking is required between the farthest rooms in your space allocation?**

Hard one to answer, since the CCD Ground Floor is approx. 60m wide by 100m deep. It has more than 5 floors. But walking from Back of Forum to Meeting Room 5 on Wicklow (about longest walk) would be

- 50m to Exit Forum
- 15m to walk to Lift
- 50m to walk to Wicklow 5

- **What are your expected hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?**

Again, hard to be precise here as we are still in negotiation. But we are expecting rates to vary, with and the cheapest 3 Star hotel to be around €160 a night, and the most expensive 4 Star hotel €240 a night, for two people sharing a room. Single occupancy is on average €15 less. The average room rate (excluding our one 5 Star hotel, which is €325) is €190.

These rates include all taxes and a full English/Irish breakfast for two (these are large!) and no tips are needed for housekeeping

As a result, these rates are equivalent to US room rate of €115 to €175, average €135

- **Is there free internet in all the hotel rooms? In the program and exhibit venue?**

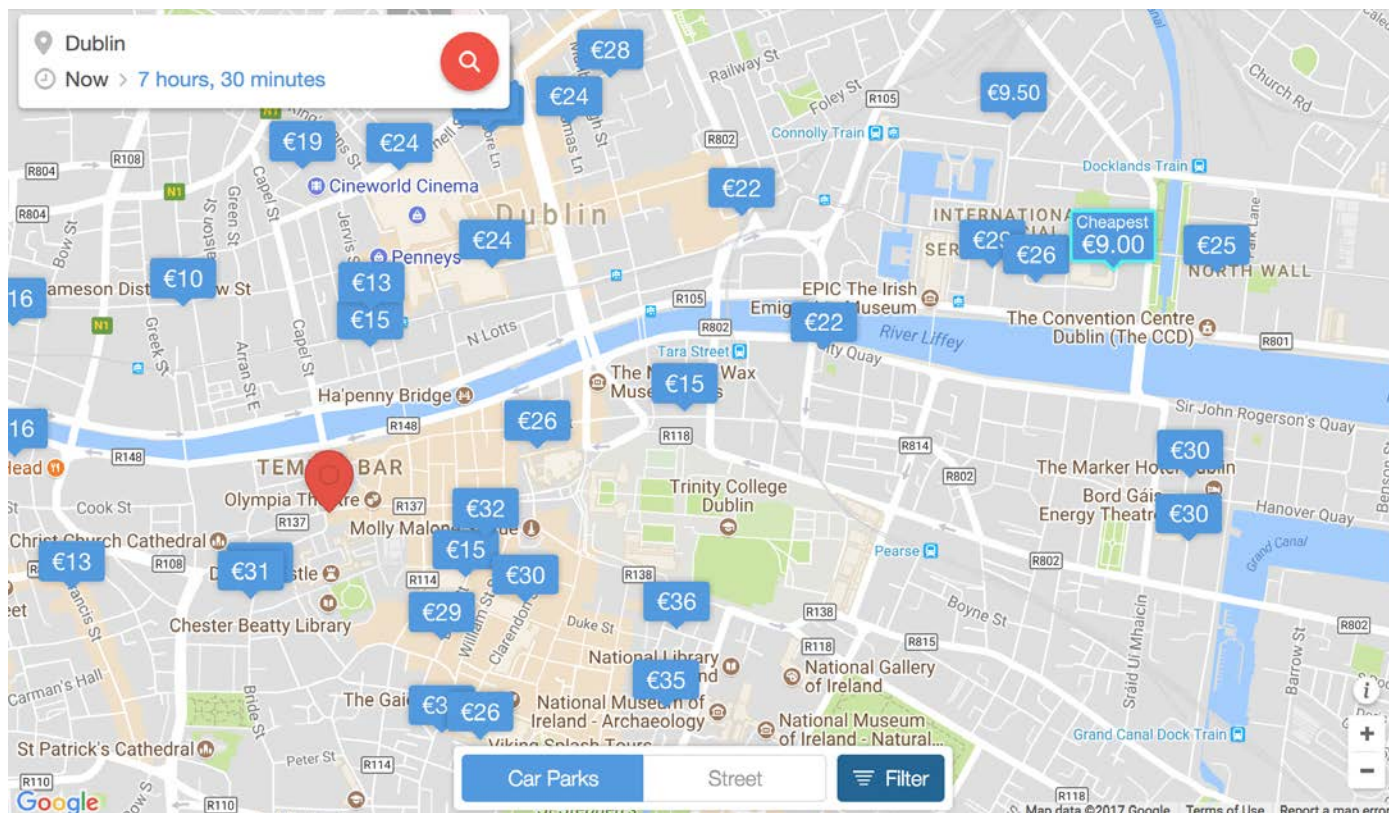
Hotel Rooms: This can vary between hotels but it is unusual to have to pay for an internet service in a hotel. The University halls have a guest wifi and uses Eduroam.

CCD Program and Exhibit Venue: Free wifi throughout the CCD

- **What does parking cost at your main hotels?**

Hotel	Room	Walk Distance	Parking
The Hilton Garden Inn	70	0.50km / 0.30m	Limited
The Spencer Hotel	100	0.30km / 0.20m	Yes
The Gibson Hotel	130	1.00km / 0.60m	No
Jury's Inn Parnell Street	70	2.00km / 1.25 m	No
Clayton Cardiff Lane	150	0.40km / 0.25m	No
Jurys Inn Christchurch	50	2.40km / 1.50m	No
The Maldron Pearce Street	40	0.85km / 0.55m	Limited
North Star Hotel	70	1.10km / 0.70m	No
The Gresham Hotel	150	1.80km / 1.15m	Limited
Croke Park Hotel	50	2.00km / 1.25m	Yes
The Marker	110	0.65km / 0.40m	Valet
Trinity College Student	150	1.80km / 1.15m	No
N.C.I Student	40	0.50km / 0.30m	No
Ashling Hotel	60	3.50km / 2.20m	Yes
Acadamy Plaza Hotel	50	1.70km / 1.05m	No
O'Callaghan Alexander	40	1.30km / 0.80m	No
O'Callaghan Davenport	40	1.30km / 0.80m	No
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This table shows details of parking in the hotels. Most hotels do not have deals with local car parks, **however** this map shows the average cost for a day of parking in the local car parks (which includes the hotels). The CCD itself is limited to 320 spaces, 8 disabled spaces and a height limit of 2.1m.



- **What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?**

Nearest door to door is 300m /900ft

- **Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?**

The auditorium is a 2,000 seater facility, with seats designed for all day plenaries. We may need more tech for the Hugos but we can source this from anywhere we want to reduce costs. The auditorium is wheelchair accesible from both the bottom level and top level and can be customised for our needs. Seating can be removed for extra access. The auditorium uses a boosted induction loop. There is a rising platform to access the auditorium stage as well as steps, and the backstage area is also wheelchair accessible.

We also intend to stream these events into The Pub in a similar manner to MAC II.

- **Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.**

Selected Restaurants within 500m:

(Options available: Vegan = V, Vegetarian = VG, Gluten Free = GF, Dairy Free = DF, Coeliac = C)

[CHQ](#) is a new food court with a variety of chains opening in it.

[Ferryman Pub](#) - Pub Food and Carvery.

[Ely Gastro Bar](#). Gastropub (VG, GF, DF, some items adaptable for coeliacs)

[Herb Street Restaurant](#) Pub Food (VG, V, GF)

[East Restaurant](#) Asian Fusion (VG, GF)

[Musashi Noodles and Sushi](#). (VG)

[Milano](#) - Pizza (VG, GF).

[MV Cill Airne](#). Fish, Burgers and Salads (VG, GF)

[J2Sushi](#). Steaks and sushi. (VG, GF)

[STIR Restaurant](#). Breakfast and dinner. Modern Irish and European dishes (VG)

[Lagoona Bar](#). Modern pub. Chicken, pasta, salads, sandwiches. (VG, GF)

[Brew Dock Pub](#). Brewery restaurant. (VG, GF)

[Urban Brewing](#). Brewery restaurant. Tapas and European dishes. (VG, C)

[Drunken Fish](#). Korean pub and restaurant. (VG)

[Broadway Pizza](#). Pizza, pasta, salads. (VG)

[Il Fornaio Pizza](#). Italian dishes. (pizza: VG)

[Oly's](#) at the Hilton Garden Inn. Burgers, salads, fish. (VG)

[Rockets by Eddie Rockets](#).

Many Irish eateries also list potential allergens on their menus using a [numerical system](#).

Both the Temple Bar and St Stephen's areas have extensive eateries for all levels of pricing. See also [this useful map](#) for more places in the area, and a more general review site [here](#).

Service (tipping) is either included and will be marked on the bill, or is expected to be about 10-15%, depending on the quality of the meal. Tipping is not expected for drinks or fast food.

Convenience Stores:

Fresh (mid range deli and supermarket). Salad bar, coffee bar, supermarket food and snacks (V, VG, GF, DF)

Marks and Spencers (high end convenience store): sandwiches, snacks, and salads (some V, VG, GF)

Spar (cheap convenience store): sandwiches, snacks, and salads. (some V, VG, GF).

Fast Food nearby:

[La Corte](#)

Broadway Pizza

Subway

Munchies

The Swedish Food Company

Starbucks

Coffee Angel

The Art of Coffee

The CHQ Building (a multipurpose historic site) has a food court

We are also talking to the CCD about locating smaller local food sellers in the green space next to the Convention Centre specifically for the con. Previous events have hosted street food and 'farmer's market' type booths, and we hope to replicate this.

The CCD also has its own caterers and has the ability to provide different types, styles, prices and quality snacks, lunches, buffets and dinners. We will continue to discuss options with them going forward.

The Michelin Guide recommends 28 restaurants within a mile of the CCD, the closest being half a mile away.

- **What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?**

The Pub, in the CCD is a large social space. Our Second Stage is a possible venue for events, music, dances etc. We intend to stream the Hugos in the Pub in a similar way to MAC II. We felt that this provided a more relaxed experience for the Hugos for some, as it enabled people to move about more freely during the ceremony.

We will flip meeting rooms into party rooms in the evening. There will be a limited set-up time, but we feel locating the parties at the convention is a benefit.

These social spaces will be on our first floor, with parties on the second floor.

The CCD is very flexible in how the space can be used and we will also be offering quiet space, where more relaxed moments can be had.

Do you have a corkage waiver and a forklage waiver?

There is an arrangement in place, where for a fee, the CCD will allow parties to bring in booze, soft drinks and snack food to the value of €300/\$375 for €225 plus VAT per room (total - €280/\$325) - about the same as a similar sized party suite in the US. Large rooms can be shared. There is a mandatory charge of €25 for ice and glasses. This is the charge for the smaller rooms - if any party uses a Hall (3 x size) of meeting room, the charge and corkage might be higher and we will check this.

To clarify this:

Corkage includes snacks like nuts & crisps(chips).

There is no Forkage waiver and all substantial "food" must come through CCD.

Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention center, and city.

Hotel(s): Permitted in designated rooms, otherwise banned.

Convention Center: Total ban.

City: Total ban in restaurants, bars, cafes and workplaces.

Miscellaneous

- **What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the usual temperature and chance of rain during that time of year? Do not provide the historic high or low that makes your site appear attractive. (Stephen and Deb can use google too)**

The month of August is characterized by daily highs around 64°F (18°C), rarely exceeding 71°F (22°C) or dropping below 59°F (15°C). It is mostly cloudy and many days there will be a light or moderate rainfall. Humidity is between 65 - 90% (although this top end is very unusual).

We recommend Deb and Stephen check out this handy weblink rather than Google (because it's awesome and we like weather maps!!!):

<https://weatherspark.com/averages/28818/8/Dublin-Leinster-Ireland>

If you require a super duper up to date app about weather, We also recommend Dark Sky (which can tell you what the weather is right now, although bear in mind that we are in December right now):

<https://darksky.net/app>

- **What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?**

Dublin is famous for it's hospitality and social scene, as well as a rich literary and cultural history. It's also home to James' Mammy (see below), who lives in a suburb of the city.

[The Guinness Brewery and Storehouse](#)

This is Dublin's most popular tourist attraction. Visitors can tour the brewery, find out about the history of Guinness, and sample some of the wares. Exit via the Gift Shop...

[Jameson Distillery](#)

Another popular tour, this time of our largest whiskey export!

[Trinity College](#) and [National Library of Ireland](#)

This houses the [Book of Kells](#) and The Long Room was the inspiration for the library in Star Wars Episode 3. It is also possible to stay in Halls at Trinity. The library also has a number of different exhibits each year (recent ones have included Blood!, W.B.Yeats, and the Library has an ongoing commitment to present exhibitions documenting the history of Ireland)

[National Museum of Ireland](#)

Three different venues in Dublin explore Natural History, Archeology and Decorative Arts. Current exhibitions focus on the Easter Rising of 1916 and local history.

[National Gallery of Ireland](#)

Art included in the collection includes Yeats, Titian, Michelangelo and Picasso.

[Botanic Gardens](#) and [Glasnevin Cemetery](#)

The Botanic Gardens and Glasnevin Cemetery adjoin each other and can be reached by a short journey on the No.4 or 40 bus. The Botanic gardens have a range of beautiful walks, an excellent selection of Pokeygms and many talks by resident botanists on subjects such as the explorers and scientists who have donated their finds to the collection. The Victorian cemetery next door is atmospheric and beautiful, and also home to one of Ireland's war memorials and war grave sites. Frequent talks and tours start at the visitor's centre, and both places have cafes and frequent places to sit. Both sites are accessible by large tarmac pathways, however these are rather more rough towards the back of the cemetery (which is still in use).

[Temple Bar area](#)

This is a popular area approx 15 mins walk (two stops by tram from behind the CCD) from the CCD, full of bars, places to eat and entertainment. It is also surrounded by a more eclectic shopping area which includes independent and secondhand bookshops, comic shops and alternative clothing stores.

[The Dublin Literary Pub Crawl](#)

Several pub crawls and walks are available around Dublin - but this one was voted #4 in the World by The Sunday Times. The walk showcases some of Dublin's best drinking holes as well as the authors that frequented them, including Joyce, Beckett and Yeats.

[1916 Easter Rising Coach Tour](#) / [The Dublin Ghost Bus](#) / [City Sightseeing - Dublin](#)

Several bus rides tour the town, which has also been used for location filming of series such as *Penny Dreadful* and *Ripper Street*.

[Dublin Zoo](#) / **The President's Residence**

[Phoenix Park](#) is a walled park to the North of the River Liffey housing the zoo, the President's residence, the largest obelisk in Europe and a number of decorative gardens. We are still not sure whether putting this combination of residences together is a coincidence...

[Kilmainham Gaol](#)

A more gristly record of Dublin's history can be found in the gaol, which is one of the largest unoccupied prisons still standing in the world. The tour also explores the city's relationship with conflict and crime throughout the centuries.

Various Cathedrals and Churches

Until recently, Ireland was a profoundly religious country, and this is reflected in the diverse religious buildings that dot the city. You can even shake hands with a Mummy in [St Michans!](#)

Dublin also provides easy access to the nearby countryside, and the Irish countryside is renowned for its beauty. Local attractions include [Tayto Park](#), a theme park devoted to one of Ireland's greatest loves, the crisp (potato chip), and the [Boyne Valley](#), site of both the Battle of the Boyne, and a number of Celtic tombs and cairns.

The Skellig Isles were used in the climactic scene at the end of *The Force Awakens*, and several parts of *Game of Thrones* have been filmed here. Ireland is well known for its beautiful, evocative countryside and has featured in many science fiction and fantasy movies and TV series.

James' Mammy

We are frequently asked whether James' Mammy will be attending, giving tours, signing autographs or passing judgement on her good son. At present, we are unsure of her availability but would like to assure people that she is working hard to make sure James behaves himself. Grand.

- **Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?**

Here are our current membership rates:

Membership Type (choose one)		Discounts (choose all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	€ 40	<input type="checkbox"/> Voted in Site Selection (Finland)	€ 40
<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Adult (26+ years old)	€ 160	<input type="checkbox"/> Dublin Bid Pre Supporter/Backer	€ 5
<input type="checkbox"/> First Worldcon Membership	€ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Dublin Bid Friend/Super Friend	€ 120
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (13-25 years old)	€ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Dublin Bid YA Friend	€ 60
<input type="checkbox"/> Child (6-12 years old)	€ 60		
<input type="checkbox"/> Infant (5 and under)	€ 5		
		Discount subtotal	€ <u> </u>

- **Do you have a published code of conduct?**

<https://dublin2019.com/members-area/code-of-conduct/>

We are currently working on fine-tuning the policy and associated procedures.

- **Will there be a instalment payment option?**

Yes, Instalment payment plan structure and how to sign up will be announced before the first rate increase