***The Melting Pot***

***5 Rose Street, Edinburgh,***

***EH2 2PR***

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*Venue entrance door is between Fopp (DVDs etc) and the Abbotsford Pub, on the North side of Rose Street, and is at Rose Street’s East end. Entrance buzzer instructions are in entrance vestibule.*

**VENUE and AREA BRIEFING**

**Accessibility**

* WE have arranged for a **hearing** induction loop and associated microphones to be available at the meeting.
* The venue is accessed by stairs or by a **lift** which will take a standard wheelchair or mobility scooter. There is level access to the lift. There is an evacuation chair at the venue. The **toilets** are wheelchair accessible and on the same level as the meeting room. If you use a larger than standard chair/scooter, please contact us so WE can make it work for you.
* **Children** of all ages are welcome in the meeting room.

**Public Transport**

* The Melting Pot is within a 5 minute walk of Edinburgh Waverley **Train** Station (leave station by Princes Street exit)
* Most **coaches** to Edinburgh terminate at St Andrew’s Square Coach Station which is 7 minutes on foot from the venue (leave coach station by St Andrew’s Square exit)
* The **Airport bus** terminates at Waverley Bridge, a 6 minute walk from the venue.
* The Edinburgh **Tram** stops at St Andrew’s Square, a 4 minute walk from the venue.
* Over 50% of [Lothian Bus routes](https://lothianbuses.co.uk/) have stops on Princes Street or St Andrew’s Square. Use the stop nearest to Waverley Station on your particular route.

**Parking/Mooring**

Parking in Central Edinburgh is free of charge on a Sunday.

Normal restrictions on Residents/Disabled/Motorcycle bays still apply.

* **Disabled** parking bays are available on the South side of St Andrew’s Square (3 minutes walk) and on George Street.
* Solo **Motorcycle** parking is available on the North side of St Andrew’s Square, motorcycles with sidecars and motor trikes may use car parking bays.
* **Car** parking bays are available on the North side of St Andrew’s Square.
* Parking for **all vehicles** is also available at the sides and on the central reservation of George Street (parallel to and North of Rose Street)
* **Bicycle** parking is available outside Sainsbury’s on Rose Street (20 metres east of venue) and also on St Andrew’s Square and George Street.
* Unfortunately, unlike one of our previous WE venues, there is no nearby mooring for **Canal Barges** **or other watercraft**. If you are coming by sea, moor at Newhaven or at [Port Edgar](http://www.portedgarmarina.co.uk/marina.php) and use buses to venue. If arriving by canal, mooring details are available from [Scottish Canals](https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/contact-us/).

**Food and drink nearby**

* Greggs, 19 Rose Street: Hot and cold drinks, cold and warm takeaway food. 9-5 on Sundays
* M&S Café, directly opposite venue: Sit down food and drink on Ground Floor
* M&S Food Hall (sandwiches etc): Basement of same building.
* Sainsbury’s Local: Sandwiches, snacks etc: 20 metres East of Venue.
* Abbottsford pub and Restaurant: Directly beside venue. Sit down meals and drinks including Real Ales. Restaurant upstairs welcomes children at all times. Bar downstairs, normal Scottish licensing laws apply. Ground floor has level access, restaurant accessed by stairs only.
* Rose Street is packed with many other Bars, Restaurants and Cafes.

**Cash Machines**

* Sainsbury’s (cash machine is inside shop) 20 metres East of Venue.
* RBS (machines are undercover in porticos). East Side of St Andrew’s Square, opposite Tram stop.
* Various banks on George Street and Princes Street.
* Waverley Station Booking Hall.

*David Renton*

*WE Lothian Treasurer*

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