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**Maynooth
University**
National University
of Ireland Maynooth
1997–2017

Celebrating the 20th
anniversary of our founding
as an independent university.
June 2017—June 2018

Travelling from Dublin Airport

To get from Dublin Airport to Maynooth, I recommend that you use the Airport Hopper service, the timetable is [here](#), and the map of where in the airport the bus departs is [here](#). The Hopper departs once per hour until 21:50. If you are going to arrive after 21:50, or if your flight is delayed, please let me know.

I have been in touch with each group about accommodation and you can find directions to each location here:

- [Maynooth Campus](#)
- [Glenroyal Hotel](#)

Please save my number in your phone +353879184244 and text, call or (preferably) WhatsApp to get in touch as you are travelling.

Wednesday 9th

Some delegates are arriving on Wednesday. I will be nearby until the evening and can meet you off the bus in Maynooth and help you settle into either the **Glenroyal Hotel** or the **Maynooth Campus accommodation** if needed.

You have free time on Wednesday evening. Below is a list of recommendations for where to have dinner and a refreshing drink in Maynooth and we will join you if you let us know.

Thursday 10th

Some people will be travelling on Thursday, and the same travel directions above apply. For those who arrived on Wednesday evening, you have free time on Thursday. I will have information on travel arrangements if you wish to visit Dublin on Thursday morning and below is a list of potential sights and activities you may be interested in.

- 16:00 [[Coordinators](#)] Coordinators' meeting in Maynooth University. It's in the John Hume building on the top floor, there is a campus map below but I can guide anyone who needs assistance. Please look over the minutes of the last meeting and Robbie has circulated an agenda for the meeting.
- 18:00 [[ALL](#)] Tour of Maynooth University for all delegates. This tour will include the historic South Campus.
- 20:00 Dinner in **The Avenue**. Main Street, Maynooth. The cost is €32 and there is a set menu. There will also be options for entertainment afterwards.

Friday 11th

The programme for the day is attached and you will receive a pack with all the details in print. The conference takes place in the **School of Education** building (see map).

- **REMINDER.** At the last coordinators' meeting, we agreed that each school would bring examples of the work done by students to show on display boards. We also have iPads and a large display to show videos and digital work. Please email me back to confirm what materials you are able to bring so we can prepare.
- 19:00 Conference Dinner in **O'Neill's Pub** (in a private room upstairs). Main Street, Maynooth. Entertainment has been arranged for afterwards.

Saturday 12th

There is an optional, but highly recommended, cultural programme:

- Bus at 11:00 from the University's South Campus entrance (see map).
- 11:30 **Castletown House**. Castletown is a Palladian country house built in 1722 for William Conolly, the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons.
- Bus at 13:00 to Dublin City centre.
- 14:00 **Old Jameson Distillery**. Jameson Distillery Bow St. is the original site where Jameson Irish Whiskey was distilled until 1971. It is now a visitors centre that provides guided tours, tutored whiskey tastings, JJ's bar and a gift shop.

We will provide a bus to bring you to Castletown House and then into Dublin to the Jameson Distillery. There will be free time after the distillery and you will make your way back to Maynooth by train.

Please use the Google Doc to indicate if you wish to take part as we need to book the bus. If you are departing on Saturday, you can travel from the city centre to the airport easily.

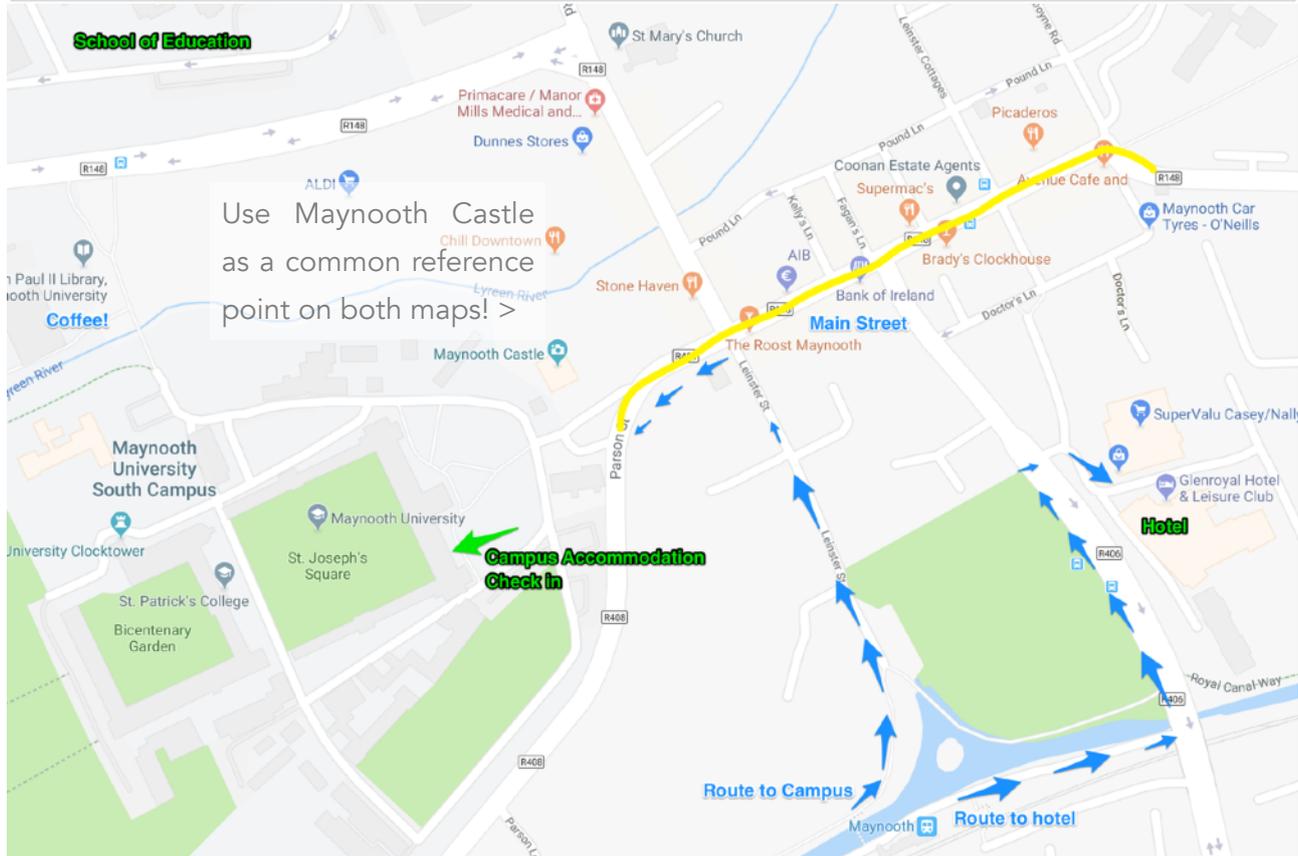
Restaurants in Maynooth

For those of you staying Wednesday and Saturday, you'll be interested in places to eat in Maynooth. You can see a listing [here](#), but I will give a few suggestions:

- **Bistro 53**. No. 53 Main Street, Maynooth.
- **Picadero's Restaurant**. Main Street, Maynooth.
- **Donatello's Restaurant**. No. 8 Main Street, Maynooth.
- **The Roost Pub**. Main Street, Maynooth.
- **The Avenue**. Main Street, Maynooth.
- **O'Neill's Pub**. Main Street, Maynooth.

Maps of Maynooth

The maps show the main locations in Maynooth. Everything is less than 10 minutes walk and the restaurants and pubs are in the middle!



Getting to Dublin

If you intend to get to Dublin, travelling by train to Dublin Connolly Station or Dublin Pearse Station is the preferred route. The timetable is [here](#) and the service is frequent.

If you wish to get to the south side of the city, then Dublin Pearse is the best destination and you will take a stopping train (54 mins). If you wish to get to the north side of the city, then Dublin Connolly is the best destination and there is an express train to Connolly in one stop (34 mins) as well as the stopping service to Dublin Pearse which passes through Dublin Connolly (48 mins).

Things to do in Dublin

Some highlights near each of the main train stations are:

Dublin Pearse (south side)

- **Book of Kells @ Trinity College.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **National Gallery of Ireland.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **Science Galley.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **Shopping at Grafton Street.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **National Museum of Ireland.** Click [here](#) for info.

Dublin Connolly (north side)

- **Dublin Writers Museum.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **Shopping at Henry Street.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **Hugh Lane Gallery.** Click [here](#) for info.
- **GPO Witness History.** Click [here](#) for info.

At the end of this PDF is a walking tour of Dublin based on James Joyce's *Ulysses* and the walk that Leopold Bloom made on Bloom's Day; be careful as it could take a long time.