



The University of Reading

1st International conference on geographies of children, youth and families 17-18 September 2007

Conference Arrangements and Directions

The First International Conference on Geographies of Children, Youth and Families will be hosted by the University of Reading on 17-18 September 2007

The conference will be held on the parkland of Whiteknights Campus, complete with meadows, a tree collection and lake.

Campus and route maps are available from:
<http://www.reading.ac.uk/maps/whiteknights-struct.htm> and
<http://www.reading.ac.uk/maps/town.htm> .

The conference will be held in the Geosciences Building and the Geography Building of the University of Reading. Accommodation is in Whiteknights Hall, which is less than five minutes walk from the conference venue.

How to find the University

The University of Reading is in a prime location in the South-East of England and has excellent transport links. The University is close to the M4 motorway allowing easy access by car. Reading's railway station has high speed links to and from London Paddington, as well as regular services to and from other cities around the UK. There are direct services to and from both London Heathrow and London Gatwick Airports.

How to get to Reading by car:

The University of Reading is very easy to get to by car. The campuses are approximately 1.5 miles from the M4 motorway. To get to Whiteknights Campus the easiest and most direct route is via the M4 motorway.

- Leave the motorway at Junction 11.
- When you reach the roundabout at the top of the slip road take the B3270 (signposted to Earley & University).

- Follow this road around to the right and at the very end turn left at the roundabout.
- Follow this road and go straight across two mini roundabouts and a traffic light junction.
- After the traffic light junction you will see the campus on the right hand side, enter via the Shinfield Road entrance

How to get to Reading by rail

Reading is a mainline train station and is easily accessible from most other places around the UK. There are direct trains from a number of major cities as well as a large number of routes through London. If you are travelling from or via London the best (and quickest) route to take is from London's Paddington station.

Travelling from London Paddington

Trains from Paddington to Reading run approximately every 15-20 minutes throughout the day and the average journey time is around 30 minutes.

For information on train times and fares, follow one of the links opposite

Travelling from Reading Station to the University

Once you arrive at the train station you will need to get a taxi or bus to the University campus. A taxi will cost you approximately £6 and a bus journey will cost you £1.20 (you will need the exact money as the buses do not give change).

The buses that run to Whiteknights campus are: numbers 9, 12 or 20 (Stand SK)

How to get to Reading by air (landing at London Heathrow LHR)

After you have collected your luggage and passed customs, proceed to the bus stop outside the terminal. Buy a single ticket on the RailAir Link bus to Reading. Coaches run every 30 minutes and take one hour. A single ticket costs £12, drivers will only accept cash.

The RailAir Bus picks up passengers from the Central Bus Station.

Directions from each Terminal to the Central Bus Station are below:

- Terminal 1 - From International arrivals follow the sign for Underground and Central Bus Station. From UK and Ireland follow signs for Underground and Terminals 2 and 3, which direct you towards the lifts (then follow signs for Underground and Central Bus Station.) Use the lifts to reach the basement level.
- Terminal 2 - Leave the building through the doorway immediately in front of the exit from customs and follow signs for Underground and buses, which direct you towards the below-surface travelator. Alternatively, you may prefer to use the street-level access by exiting the terminal building through the revolving doors on the ground floor.

- Terminal 3 - Follow signs for Underground and Central Bus Station, taking the ramp or stairs to access the below-surface subway link.
- Terminal 4 - Use the FREE Heathrow Express shuttle service. Travel in the carriages at the rear of the train and alight at Terminals 1, 2 and 3. Follow signs for Terminals 2 and 3 but as soon as you see signs for buses and underground follow these instead.

How to get to Reading by air (landing at London Gatwick LGW)

Direct trains run to Reading from Gatwick Airport every hour and take about 1hr 15 minutes. A single ticket costs around £15 and can be purchased at the station in Gatwick airport.

How to get to Reading by coach

If you are travelling to Reading by National Express Coach you will be dropped off at Calcot (next to a large Sainsbury's supermarket). In order to get to the University campus you must first take a bus to the train station and then take a second bus to the University.

Travelling from Calcot to Reading train station

The Buses that run from Calcot to the Train Station are numbers 25, 44, 101, 102 or 103. The bus fare costs £1.50 each way and you will need the exact money as the buses do not give change.

Once you arrive at the train station you will need to get a taxi or bus to the University campus. A taxi will cost you approximately £6 and a bus journey will cost you £1.50 (you will need the exact money as the buses do not give change).

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