

Global Resources for Online Education (GROE)
Forum on the Future of Learning Technology
Thistle Hotel Brighton, England
Saturday, July 4, 2009 10:00 AM - Sunday, July 5, 2009 7:00 PM.

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Forum dates: Our first session will convene at the Thistle hotel starting at 10AM on Saturday, July 4, 2009. We will conclude before dinnertime at about 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 5, 2009,

Forum Location: Brighton Thistle Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2GS; Phone: UK 0871 376 9041 / Int +44 870 333 9129; Fax: UK 0871 376 9141 / Int +44 870 333 9229; Email: Brighton@thistle.co.uk Web Site: <http://www.thistle.com/hotels/brighton/> The specific meeting room location in the Brighton Thistle will be sent out to you shortly.

Travel to Brighton. Please make your own travel arrangements. Brighton is easily reachable by train (under an hour from London), by car (45 minutes from London; 30 minutes from Gatwick Airport) and from Northern France, through the nearby port of Newhaven. See <http://www.visitbrighton.com/site/tourist-information/travel>

Accommodations: Please make your own room reservations. Because the forum is being convened just before the AIED meetings (also taking place in the Brighton Thistle Hotel), the hotel has suggested that for best rates, our participants should book their rooms through the “Visit Brighton” website, which also serves the AIED conference:

<https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BTNAIED09>

On this hotel booking website you will also find several other hotels in the vicinity of the Brighton Thistle that are available in various price ranges. You do not need to be an AIED registrant to use this service. NOTE: Please contact the GROE Project Assistant, Burt Woolf (bwoolf@acad.umass.edu) if you want us to help you find a same-gender roommate. We may be able to help you contact someone in our participant list to see if they would be willing to share a double room with you.

Please advise us when you have your flights and hotel booked! (bwoolf@acad.umass.edu)

Meeting Schedule (see Agenda below). Our working sessions start at 10:00AM on Saturday (July 4); and at 8:30 AM on Sunday (July 5). During the day, we will mix our sessions between plenary gatherings, and working-group break-outs. Working meals will be served in our main meeting room (we would like the whole group to dine together). Sub-groups are invited to find informal spaces in or near the Hotel to continue their work after dinner on Saturday.

Food: We will provide healthy beverages and snacks, as well as buffet-style meals for lunch and supper on Saturday; and lunch on Sunday (these costs are included in your registration fee; sodas and alcoholic beverages will be at your own expense). Please plan to stay with us for all three working meals. Breakfast will be on your own and is generally included in the room rate of most

British hotels (including the Brighton Thistle). **IMPORTANT:** Please let us know before June 1, 2009 if you have food or dietary considerations of any kind, and we will do our best to accommodate.

Registration Fee. To help us defray some of the cost for food and meeting space, we are asking participants to pay a registration fee of £70.00 (at current exchange rate, approximately USD \$105) payable directly to the Brighton Thistle Hotel. Once we notify you (soon) that the account for this purpose has been created, you may then either call in your credit card in advance to the hotel +44 870 333 9129, or pay the hotel directly on site.

Recreation. We've scheduled daytime breaks for you relax and recharge. We will organize optional swims and walks.

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Brighton Thistle Hotel, Brighton, England
July 4-5, 2009

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Saturday July 4, 2009

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Welcome; Introductions; and Visioning Sessions
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch; and personal time
1:30 PM – 4:15 PM	Working group concurrent breakout sessions
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Free time; swimming, beach walks
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner
8:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Working group breakout sessions

Sunday, July 5, 2009

8:30 AM -10:30 AM	Morning reports and discussion
10:30AM - 12:30 PM	Working group breakout sessions
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch and personal time
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Working group breakout sessions
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Report-outs/ Adjourn