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Saturday 12th May 2018

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University of London, Student Central

University of Salford, Chapman Building

University of Edinburgh, John McIntyre Centre



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Welcome to the new style annual conference taking place across our three venues. Within this booklet, you will find details of the programme and workshops to help you make the most of your day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of WEA staff at the registration desk.

Thank you for coming. We hope to see you again at WEA Conferences and events in the future.

WEA Conference Team

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Timetable

- 10.00** Registration and Refreshments
- 10.30** Local welcome and housekeeping arrangements
- 10.45** Conference Welcome
Lynne Smith, President
Opening remarks from Trevor Phillips, Chair of Trustees
- 11.00** Key note address plus questions
Karl Wilding, Head of Policy and Volunteering at NCVO
- 11.30** Workshops: How members can create social impact
- London – Canal and River Trust; Annette Simpson, Education & Interpretation Manager
 - Salford – Imperial war museum; Lee Ashworth, Volunteer Programme Manager
 - Edinburgh – National Trust for Scotland; Heath Brown, Outreach Development Manager
- 1.00** Lunch
- 1.45** Feedback from Workshops
- 2.15** Start of formal business
- Presentation of the SOC report
 - Confirmation of Deputy President and Treasurer elections
 - Minutes from WEA Conference 2016
 - In Memoriam
- 2.30** Questions to Trustees
- Presentation of Trustees Report
 - Finance Report
 - Question to the Trustees
- 3:00** Debate on Motions
- Presentation of the WEA Council Report
 - Debate on Motions
- 4.15** Closing remarks
Ruth Spellman OBE, General Secretary and Chief Executive
Vote of thanks – Lynne Smith
- 4.30** Conference closes

Venue Information

London

Student Central, Malet Suite, Malet Street, Bloomsbury, London, WC1E 7HY

Getting there

By Car:

The venue is in Central London and has very limited parking which has to be pre-booked

By Tube:

Northern Line to Euston, Warren Street and Goodge Street stations

Piccadilly Line to Russell Square station

Victoria Line to Euston and Warren Street stations

Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City Lines to Euston Square station

By Bus:

Gower Street: 10, 24, 29, 73, 134, 390

Euston Road: 18, 30, 91, 205, 253, 476

Woburn Place/Southampton Row: 59, 68, 91, 168, 188

Manchester

Chapman Building, University of Salford, Salford, Greater Manchester, M5 4WT

Getting there

The University of Salford is situated just 2km from Manchester city centre. There are excellent transport links, with Salford Crescent railway station on campus and regular bus services. Trains from Manchester International Airport run hourly and take 30 minutes to campus. The airport can also be reached by car.

More information is available at salford.ac.uk/about-us/travel

By train:

Salford Crescent station is located on the campus between Peel Park and Allerton. Direct services run to and from Manchester Airport, Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria. Inter-city services normally use Manchester Piccadilly which is about ten minutes train journey from Salford Crescent.

The Station is just behind the Chapman Building and only 2 minutes walk. Come off the train, walk up the stairs, follow the bridge round to the left, cross University Road, go underneath the walkway to the side of the New Adelphi Building and you have arrived.

By car

The Chapman Building is on our Peel Park Campus, Sat Nav Postcode M5 4WT.

Irwell Place Car Park is behind Building number 23 on the Campus Plan which you can download from the address above. There is a pay and display machine at this Car Park or you can use the paybyphone.co.uk app on your phone. All day cost is £4. Walk out of the Car Park, cross the A6 – there are two sets of lights and pedestrian crossings, walk past the Peel Building and follow the boardwalk past the New Adelphi Building. It is a 5 minute walk.

Edinburgh

John McIntyre Conference Centre, Prestonfield Suite, Pollock Halls,
18 Holyrood Park Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 5AY

Disabled access.

Getting there

By Road:

If you're coming to Edinburgh from the South, take the A720; City of Edinburgh Bypass, then take the A7 Old Dalkeith Road exit at the Sheriffhall Roundabout going towards the City Centre. Continue straight for approximately 3 miles. Just past the Royal Commonwealth Pool at the lights, turn right onto Holyrood Park Road. Pollock Halls is the second turning on the right. There is limited on-site parking on a first-come first-served basis.

By Taxi:

A taxi from St. Andrew Square Bus Station or Princes Street to Pollock Halls will cost approximately £7 and take 5-10 minutes.

By Bus:

From the shop side of Princes Street; take a bus to the Royal Commonwealth Pool on Dalkeith Road, Pollock Halls is a short walk down Holyrood Park Road from the stop.

By Rail:

Pollock Halls is 2 miles from Edinburgh Waverley, our main station. A taxi or bus will take around 10 minutes.

By Tram:

Pollock Halls is about 2 miles from St Andrew's Square, the main Tram terminus. There are regular tram services to and from Edinburgh International Airport. Once you arrive in the city, please follow the bus or taxi instructions above to get to Pollock Halls.

Speaker Biographies

Karl Wilding

**Director of Public Policy and
Volunteering at the NCVO**

Karl leads NCVO's volunteering and public policy work. He speaks and writes widely on issues facing the voluntary sector, including whether the public trust charities, and the future of volunteering and social action. He is an advisor to Charity Bank, a trustee of US voluntary organisation Creating the Future, and a trustee of Community Central, which supports charities in St Albans.

Ruth Spellman, OBE

Ruth is the first female General Secretary and Chief Executive of the WEA. Her career is marked by a commitment to lifelong learning – she was awarded an OBE in 2007 for services to workplace learning and an Honorary Doctorate from Cranfield in 2010.

At Investors in People she established IIP as a leading brand, setting new standards of best practice in people development in the UK. She went on to become the first female chief Executive of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers taking it through a strategic review and increasing the membership, before moving to the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) in 2008. She joined the WEA in 2012.

Trevor Phillips, OBE

Trevor is Chair of the WEA Board of Trustees. He is well known as a writer and broadcaster and the founding chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. He is the co-founder of the diversity analytics research company Webber Phillips; President of the John Lewis Partnership Council; Co-Chairman of the US- based business leaders think-tank, the Center for Talent Innovation; and Chair of Green Park Executive Recruitment Analytics. He is a director of the Barbican Arts Centre, and a Vice-President of the Royal Television Society.

Canal and River Trust

The Canal & River Trust is a registered charity formed in 2012 to care for 2,000 miles of historic inland waterways across England and Wales. Our vision is for living waterways that transform places and enrich lives. We work in partnership with others to support the health and wellbeing of millions of local people, offering sustainable routes which connect communities, and providing access to learning and education for thousands of children and young people.

Imperial War Museums

IWM is a family of five museums and historic sites covering war and conflict from the First World War to the present day. Our sites and unique collection of objects tell the human stories of lives engulfed in war and show how conflict has shaped the world in which we all live. IWM was founded in the midst of the First World War with a mission to preserve and tell the stories of all kinds of people, not only from Britain but from the countries of its empire. And we continue to do this work right up to present day conflict, covering 100 years of experience throughout the Commonwealth.

National Trust for Scotland

NTS is the largest member organisation in Scotland. As a conservation charity, they are supported by more than 360,000 members and are funded largely by donations. 'Since 1931 our love for Scotland has fuelled our desire to protect the things that make it special. By championing Scotland's natural, built and cultural heritage we inspire those around us. We do it so our heritage will always have a home. We do it so our countryside will remain unspoilt, and accessible. We do what we do ... for the love of Scotland!'

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