

Glasgow: 7-11 June 2017

What's Going On Beyond the Walls of the TIC!

Welcome to Glasgow! We hope that in addition to enjoying the intellectual exchange of the annual SAH conference, you will enjoy at least a taster of what the city and the rest of Scotland have to offer. In ways we could never have foreseen when the planning for this conference began, you all arrive in the midst of a very busy week. What follows is a very brief list of highlights and pointers for you!

Politics: As we're sure delegates are already aware, there is a national election in the UK on Thursday 8 June. Though we don't expect this to have a big impact on the conference, apart from dominating the news cycle, don't be surprised if political allegiances and enthusiasms are voiced in and around George Square on Thursday and Friday. (For those of you from the US wanting to decode electoral maps, remember that red and blue tend to denote opposite political leanings to the US...this won't be the only mention of red and blue on this page...)

Festivals: You will be here during both the West End Festival (<http://www.westendfestival.co.uk/>) and the Glasgow Science Festival (<http://www.glasgowsciencefestival.org.uk/>) with loads going on at each. Especially for those of you travelling with families, these may be of interest!

Art: In addition to the major art museums such as the Kelvingrove in the West End and the Gallery of Modern Art in the City Centre, there are a wealth of independent galleries in Glasgow, dotted around but with a concentration in the Merchant City (such as the Glasgow Print Studio) and the area around West Regent Street and Bath Street (such as Billcliffe Gallery, which has new exhibitions of Glasgow -inspired paintings and architecturally-inspired silverwork opening on 9 June). In addition, it is the weekend of the Degree Shows at Glasgow School of Art—spot the stars of the future!

Culture/Entertainment: Glasgow has a great music and theatre scene, at venues big and small. Productions and gigs on during the conference include (but this is just a taster!): Matthew Bourne's production of *The Red Shoes* (King's Theatre); the National Theatre production of *Jane Eyre* (Theatre Royal); Kraftwerk (if you want to relive your electro-pop youth!) at the Royal Concert Hall; Merchant Sinfonia Summer Concert (Sunday at the City Halls); outdoor films in the Kelvingrove Bandstand; and much more!

Shopping: If you need to bring gifts home for your family, friends, or colleagues, you'll be in good company: Glasgow takes shopping seriously. The zigzag from Argyle Street, up Buchanan Street, and then Sauchiehall Street will give you the major department stores and chains; the West End (mainly on Byres Road, Great Western Road, and Argyle St west of the motorway) will have a few more independents. The weekend Barras Market is a cultural experience.

And finally, please read a few words about Sport, even if you think you aren't interested... Back to the comment above about and Blue (and white) and Red (and white): on Saturday 10 June at 5pm, Scotland play England in a Football (or Soccer!) World Cup Qualifying Match. They will play at Hampden Park, Scotland's National Stadium, on the South Side of the Glasgow. And on every pub and bar television in the city...The so-called Tartan Army (Scotland's supporters) are a fun and friendly bunch, but this is likely to be something of a crowded and 'lively' evening, especially in the City Centre, and around Central Station (Hampden seats c. 52,000 and the quickest way back into the city is by train...). Please keep this in mind when you are making your plans for Saturday evening!

Glasgow: Eating and Drinking

Restaurants and Bars of Architectural (and Culinary!) Interest

Glasgow is a great eating city! There are restaurants, bars, pubs, chip shops, ice cream, etc everywhere you turn and there are loads of recommendations available on line (including the SAH Conference Guide!) A great starting point for ideas is here: <https://food.list.co.uk/>, a long standing and reliable restaurant guide produced annually by the local listings magazine.

It's a good idea to book tables for dinner in advance, especially over the weekend and if you are anticipating a large group of friends and colleagues, but if you do find yourself wandering, you won't go hungry! Good neighbourhoods for concentrations of restaurants and bars include the Merchant City just south of the conference venue (especially Albion Street and Candleriggs) and Finnieston, which in just the past couple of years has become *the* destination dining area of the city—especially on Argyle Street, west of the motorway. But there are options all over the city!

Here, we'll limit ourselves to a very few suggestions that combine good food and/or drink with architectural interest!

Rogano (11 Exchange Place): Rogano has a wonderful cocktail bar (ground floor front), a very fine and expensive seafood restaurant (ground floor back), and a more reasonably priced, but still delicious, restaurant downstairs. It is renowned for its Art Deco interiors, produced in the 1930s by the same teams that did the interiors of Cunard liners.

Hutchesons (158 Ingram Street): Brasserie-style restaurant in an A-listed former hospital and school, designed by architect David Hamilton at the start of the nineteenth century.

Anchor Line (12-16 St Vincent Place): Another brasserie-style restaurant in another A-listed building, this one the former first-class booking office of the Anchor Line Steamship Company and decorated with memorabilia from the golden age of transatlantic travel.

Alston Bar and Beef (79 Gordon Street, Central Station): As the name suggests, this is primarily a steak restaurant (with another specialty in gin) and is located in the vaults underneath Central Station!

Oran Mor (corner of Byres Road and Great Western Road): Bar, café, restaurant, music venue, etc in a converted church in the heart of the West End (and directly across from the venue for the SAH Saturday Evening Event): originally the Kelvinside Parish Church designed by J.J. Stevenson.

Cottiers (93-95 Hyndland Street): Another West End Church conversion, this one of the former Dowanhill church with the amazing decorative schemes by Daniel Cottier, this is now a cozy bar and restaurant that also has outdoor barbeques on summer weekends. Restored by the Four Acres Charitable Trust, which is an amazing local trust seeking to put decayed buildings back into meaningful community use.

The Finnieston (1125 Argyle Street): Excellent seafood restaurant and bar in the hip and happening Finnieston neighbourhood, this spot is a step back in time to the start of the nineteenth century; this one and a half story tavern building gives a glimpse of what the West End looked like before tenement architecture took hold.

West Brewery, Templeton Carpet Factory, Glasgow Green: West started the craft beer revival in Glasgow and has this restaurant and bar in the iconic Templeton Carpet Factory building, designed by the brilliant Scottish architect William Leiper, c 1890.