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Conference Guide



◆ Annual Delegate Conference ◆ Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire ◆

Friday May 10th 7 - 10 pm

Saturday May 11th 9.30 - 5. pm

◆ Leader's Address 7 pm ◆

followed by Social, bar extension & Live Music

ATTENDANCE

Please make every effort to attend the Annual Delegate Conference on the Friday night and Saturday.

A Conference Card will be posted to every member at the end of April which entitled you to attend and speak. Each branch will be notified of their Delegate entitlement.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration of the Conference is based in the Room on the Left at the main entrance. The Administration Manager is Cathy Flanagan and other staff include Linda Brien, Kay Lynch, Fiachra O'Ceilleachair, Ronan McDonnell and Esther Steele.

AMENDMENTS

If your branch is unhappy with sections of a motion but does not object to the entire motion you may seek to change it. Report this to Steering Committee. The normal procedure is that the amending branch discusses their proposal with the proposing branch and if a revised wording is agreed, this then becomes a new/replacement motion. If the proposing branch does not accept the amendment it may be tabled to the floor of Conference with the agreement of the Steering Committee. Please note that amendments are not acceptable from individual delegates.

**For pre conference enquiries telephone
01.8729700 or 01.8729550**

Accommodation

Dublin members who can accommodate delegates should contact Cathy Flanagan at Head Office immediately.

Non - Dublin Delegates requiring free accommodation should also contact Head Office. Details of B & Bs are included for non-Dublin area members.

ELECTIONS

Elections for the incoming National Executive and Steering Committee will take place on Saturday. Details will be announced by the Chairperson throughout the day. You may vote for up to 20 persons in the order of your choice on the NEC and up to seven members for the Steering Committee. **Voting will be by Delegate card only.**

CRECHE

A free creche will operate throughout the sessions of Conference, on Friday night, all day Saturday and during the Leader's Address on Saturday night. It is situated upstairs above the main entrance and is signposted.

MOTIONS

Copies of motions are currently being circulated to all branches.

PROBLEMS

If you are unhappy with any issue relating to the political running of Conference please contact the Steering Committee table. The Administration office should be contacted regarding any complaints on the technical running of Conference. you may also contact John Gallagher, General Secretary on any matter.

PUBLICITY

The party's Press Office is situated in the room on the left of the stage. Preferably speakers should submit a typed copy of their speech to the party press office **before** speaking, for distribution to the press, etc. Delegates, particularly from outside Dublin, should make arrangements to circulate their speeches to their local media. Any enquiries to Alex Klemm at the party press office.

REGISTRATION

The Registration desk is in the room to the left at the main entrance. There are separate registration desks for North Dublin, South Dublin and non-Dublin constituencies and a separate membership registration/Information desk.

RAFFLE

The inevitable raffle will be held on the Saturday. First prize is a ticket for a car plus five people on the new high speed (99 minute) Ireland -UK Stena Senalink service. Draw at social on Saturday night.

SECURITY

Admission to the Conference is by Invitation card - either Delegate, Member or Visitor card. Persons arriving without such a card will not be admitted to the main conference room, unless their identity is confirmed either by a delegate from their constituency or the Conference Administration section.

SOCIAL

The party Social will take place in the Main Hall after the Leader's Address on Saturday night, with live music and a bar extension. There will be an informal session in the bar/room behind the main hall on the Friday night. There is no admission charge.

SPEAKING

All members, not just delegates, are entitled to speak at Conference, subject to limitations on time and recommendations of the Steering Committee. You should state your name and branch, and show your Membership or Delegate Card before speaking at the podium. Normally speakers join a queue at the front of the hall. Where there is an indication that a large number of members wish to speak or where there are a large number of motions, the Chairperson may require a list of speakers to be drawn up by the Steering Committee or may recommend a limit to the number of speakers on each motion

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is responsible for the political running of the Conference. The members are Marie Brady, Triona Dooney, Anne Ferris, John Gallagher, Lorraine Glendenning, Philip O'Connor and Don Tipping. They may be contacted at the Steering Committee table which is on the right of the main stage at the front of the Hall.

Any enquiries re motions, amendments, speaking rights and procedure of the Conference should be addressed to the Steering Committee.

TYPING

A limited typing facility will be available at the Conference. The Press Office will accept hand written scripts, but this is not desirable. A Word Processor (using 'Word') will be available for use by delegates at the Administration Office subject to not being required for Conference administration purposes.