

Travel

Preston is situated in the North West of England It is on the West Coast mainline the main rail service form the south to Glasgow and near the M6 the main motorway connection between the South and Scotland.

Train

Preston has frequent direct rail connection to London Euston and it takes approximately 2.30 minutes. Travel by Eurostar to London St Pancras then on to Preston via Euston is viable.

Airport

Preston about 70 kilometres equidistant from Liverpool and Manchester airports, whilst both are well served by direct flights to European cities, Manchester Airport has a frequent direct rail service to Preston.

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

There is a direct bus service from the airport to Liverpool and Manchester City Centres, then a direct train service to Preston. The journey from airport to Preston would take about two hours.

Manchester Airport

There is a frequent direct rail service every 30minutes from the airport to Preston which takes about an hour.

Accommodation

There are two Hotels in the central areas of Preston, the Legacy Preston International Hotel and the Holiday Inn Preston which we recommend for forum delegates.

We have provisionally reserved Hotel rooms for delegates for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at the two Hotels, see details below. However there is a major event being held in the city over the weekend and accommodation on the Friday night is very limited. Please note there are other Hotels around Preston, though they are near motorway junctions and are not easily accessible by public transport.

If you are having difficulty booking Hotel accommodation please contact our Tourist Information Centre on +44(0)1772 253731 who will recommend other accommodation please mention Preston EUROCITIES EDF.

The Legacy Preston International Hotel 3*

This is Preston's newest hotel and is situated near the University and the railway station; it is 5 minutes walk from the conference venue.

We have agreed a delegate rate of £65; please mention Preston EUROCITIES EDF to access the special rate, reservations must be made by 30th April

The Legacy Preston International Hotel

March Lane Preston PR1 2YF
+44(0)844 411 9028 Fax
+44(0)844 411 9029

res-prestoninternational@legacy-hotels.co.uk

The Holiday Inn 4*

The Holiday Inn is situated near the Bus Station and main shopping area and is 10 minutes walk from the venue and 10 minutes walk from the Railway Station

We have agreed a delegate rate of £85 please mention Preston EUROCITIES EDF to access the special rate, reservations must be made by 30th April

Holiday Inn Preston

The Ringway Preston PR1 3AU
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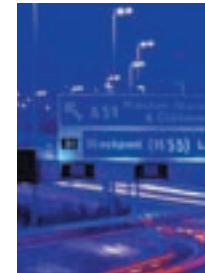
Venue

The Economic Development Forum in Preston will be held mainly on the UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire) Campus which is just north of the city centre, a map of the campus showing rooms will be in your delegate pack.



EUROCITIES

9th to 11th June 2010



Invitation

Economic Development Forum in the City of Preston



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Dear Members of EUROCITIES

As leader of Preston City Council I would like to welcome you to the City of Preston.

Preston is England's newest City gaining its charter from the Queen in her Jubilee year 2002.

Preston is the administrative centre of the Lancashire sub region for the courts and public administration. UCLAN (The University of Central Lancashire) which is the 6th largest in the UK has its main campus in the city.

Preston was one of the first industrial cities to emerge from the industrial revolution with the growth of the cotton industry in the 19th century.

Over the last forty year Preston's economy has transformed itself from a manufacturing town, based on cotton and engineering to one based around the service and knowledge sectors to become the third city in the North West after Manchester and Liverpool.

Preston is a key junction for both rail and road from the south to the north and western Scotland and has benefited economically from its key geographical location.

As the third city of the region we recognise the importance of Europe to our continuing growth in being involved in policy and decision making that affects the City. The European market is important to the businesses that the city depends upon for its economic wellbeing.

Preston City has a population of 130,000 within the city boundary though it is part of a functional urban area of over 350,000 with the inclusion of its two neighbouring boroughs of South Ribble and Chorley. How we organize our investment to realize our potential for growth is a major issue for the sub region of Lancashire.

With two metropolitan areas and a number of other medium sized cities nearby we recognize that how we interact economically with our neighbours is of prime importance to the growth of the city and the region. Preston is set to expand economically with the beginning of a major investment in offices and retail that will be developed through the Tithebarn regeneration scheme.

The opportunities the future represents for Preston will enable it to grow as a European city Whilst in Preston please take advantage of our unique attractions of the Harris Museum and Library a grade I listed building, Avenham Park and our other attractions and I hope you find your visit both fruitful and enjoyable.

Ken Hudson MBE JP
Leader of Preston City Council

agenda

9th to 11th June 2010

Wednesday 9th June

12.00
Registration

13.00 to 16.00
Working Group Meeting
Cohesion Policy

16.00 to 16.30
Coffee

16.30 to 19.00
Working Group Meeting
• Economic Migration
• Spatial Planning:

19.00 to 20.00
Steering Committee

20.30
Informal dinner at own expense

Thursday 10th June

9.00 to 9.30
Registration

9.30 to 12.30
Conference
Place, Connections and Sustainable Development
(The role of functional urban areas and polycentricism in the sustainable development of cities)

12.30 to 13.30
Lunch

13.30 to 15.00
Workshops/Plenary

15.30 to 18.00
Working Group Meeting
• Entrepreneurship
• Urban Regeneration:

20.00
Official Reception

Friday 11th June

9.00 to 12.00
Economic Development Forum Business meeting

12.00 to 13.00
Steering Committee meeting

12.00 to 14.00
Lunch