



The Writers' Summer School

A WHITE BADGER'S QUICK GUIDE TO SWANWICK

White Badger?

Your white name badge tells delegates that this is your first year. Swanwickers are a friendly bunch and keen to help new delegates settle in. If you need particular assistance, Swanwick Ambassadors have green badges and will be happy to help.

'White Badger' events

The Chairman's Welcome (17:15 Main Conference Hall) is a must – hear useful information and see who's who then join a First Year Tour to help you navigate The Hayes (see Page 4 of the programme for a site map or download one from the Swanwick website).

After the tour, join the committee, ambassadors and other new delegates in the Main Lounge for a pre-dinner drink and an opportunity to start making new friends.

At the first night dinner only, there are tables set aside for new delegates. These are hosted by Swanwick Ambassadors, who can answer any questions you have about the coming week. Meals are buffet style and gluten-free, dairy-free and vegetarian options are always available.

Please come to the White Badgers' afternoon tea feedback session on Wednesday (15:20 in the Main Lounge) and tell us how you're finding the week.

Information and assistance

The Hayes Reception staff, will be happy to help with any issues that you have with your room or The Hayes' facilities. For any other matters, please come to the Swanwick Office (which can be found off the Main Lounge).

The whiteboard outside the dining rooms has any notices and programme changes. These are also announced by the VC before the evening speaker so please arrive promptly.

Course etiquette

There's no need to sign up for any particular course or attend every session. We ask only that you arrive in good time for each session you do attend and are considerate of other delegates.

Taking part

All delegates are welcome to perform at Buskers' Night and the Prose and Poetry Open Mic sessions. Use the boxes in the Information Room to put your name forward for these events.

If you are interested in acting or directing, please come to the Page To Stage Briefing (Main Conference Hall, 16:00 Sunday).

Please come to the AGM (Thursday, Main Conference Hall, 16:00). As a Swanwick delegate you are also a Member of The Writers' Summer School and your voice is important.

Last night

The Dregs Party (18:00 on the Lawn, weather permitting) is a chance to use up leftover drinks or snacks – and maybe to dress up (but that's optional - there's no dress code at Swanwick).

Have a great week!