

# Community recycling in a changing climate

## The 18th Annual Community Recycling Network UK Conference and Exhibition Information Sheet

All you need to know about the conference venues, how to get there, and how to contact the CRN UK events team.

### The Conference and Exhibition Venue

The main conference and exhibition are taking place at the  
**The Centennial Centre, 100 Icknield Port Road,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham**  
Tel: 0121 456 4545 Fax: 0121 454 9118



The Centennial Centre is about 30 minutes walk from the conference hotel, there will be a bus leaving the Thistle hotel at 08:45 each morning of the

conference, this service will be provided for your return to the hotel after day 1 of the conference.

### Overnight accommodation at the Thistle Hotel

**225 Hagley Road, Edgbaston,  
Birmingham B16 9RY**

Tel: 0870 333 9127 Fax: 0870 333 9227

Conference accommodation will be at the **Thistle Hotel**, check in time is at 14:00 and check out time is 10:30.

If you have luggage that you need to leave somewhere outside of these times, the hotel is happy to store it securely. Alternatively you can bring your luggage to the Centennial Centre and leave luggage at reception.



There are 2 bars in the hotel where delegates can relax, and easy public transport access to Birmingham's city centre.

The Thistle hotel has ample parking, at a cost of £3.50 for 24 hours.

### CRN UK events team contact details

If you have any queries or wish to book more places please contact:

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### Evening Programmes

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

##### Pre-conference networking dinner

An Indian banquet at **Shimla Pinks restaurant** in Birmingham city centre, 214 Broad Street, B15 1AY Tel: 0121 633 0366

**19:00 until 21:30**

The pre conference networking dinner is becoming a tradition for CRN UK conference goers. Meet up with old friends and make new ones at this year's networking dinner extravaganza!

You will be taken by coach to the restaurant for an informal banquet Vegetarians and other special dietary requirements are fully catered for.

If you miss the coach to or from the restaurant or want to go and sample Birmingham's nightlife you will need to organise your own transport. If you haven't booked your place at this dinner please call the CRN UK events team. Dress code is casual.

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

##### CRN UK annual dinner and Resource Awards

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, The Terrace Suite  
Westbourne Road, Edgbaston B15 3TR

**19:30 until midnight**

In 2006 over 150 guests attended the CRN UK annual dinner and Resource awards making them an ideal opportunity to meet with others in a less formal environment, this has been an

immensely popular evening and balances a short awards ceremony with an enjoyable evening of fine food, great company and dancing!



Again if you haven't booked your place yet just call the CRN UK events team. Dress code is smart but not black tie. This year they will be held in the beautiful setting of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Please ensure that you have informed the CRN UK events team if you have any special dietary or access requirements.

Coach transport will be provided as follows:

15<sup>th</sup> May: 18:45 leave hotel for Shimla Pinks, return 21:00  
16<sup>th</sup> May: 08:45 leave hotel for Centennial Centre, return 16:45  
18:55 leave hotel for Botanical Gardens, return 00:00  
17<sup>th</sup> May: 08:45 leave hotel for Centennial Centre

## Getting to the Conference Centre and Hotel

**By Train:** Birmingham New Street Station is about 2 miles from the Thistle Hotel.

Taxis—leave the station by the main exit—there is a taxi rank outside

Bus — Leave the station via the Pallisades shopping centre (up the escalators and out onto New Street via the ramp). The **120 bus service** to Oldbury/Dudley leaves Stand CG on Corporation Street (directly opposite the bottom of the ramp) every 10 minutes. There is no simple bus route from the station to the Centennial Centre.

**By coach:** Coaches arrive at Digbeth Coach station. From there you can get a taxi from the on site rank, or to get to the hotel, walk to Selfridges (the shiny blob building, about 10 mins away) where you can take the **126 bus service** which will drop you just past the Thistle Hotel.

To get to the Centennial Centre, walk to Upper Dean Street and take the **66 bus service** to Icknield Port Road.

**By car:**

**Coming from the north/east via the M6** Leave the M6 at J6 and follow the A38M (Aston Expressway), following signs towards City Centre and Bromsgrove. Continue along the A38, through St Chad's Queensway underpass, then branch left (signposted Convention Centre parking), and merge into Great Charles St Queensway. At Paradise Circus roundabout take the 3rd exit—A456 (Broad St—you will pass Shimla Pinks)

At the next roundabout.:

- **for the hotel**, go straight over, onto Hagley Road (A456). The Thistle Hotel will be on your right hand side.
- **for the Centennial Centre**, take the 4th exit onto A4540, continue to the next island, take the 1st exit into Icknield Port Road. The Centennial Centre is half a mile on your left hand side.

**From the south via the M5**

**For the hotel** - leave the M5 at Junction 3 and take the A456 (Hagley Road) for 4 miles towards the city centre. The Hotel will be on your left..

**For the Centennial Centre** - as above until Edgbaston, then turn left onto B4124 (Monument Road, signposted Jewellery Quarter, Ladywood, Hockley) At the next roundabout take the 1st exit onto B4126—Icknield Port Road. The Centre is half a mile on your left hand side.

**From the south via the M42**

leave at J2— turn right into the A441 towards the city centre. Follow until Cotteridge, and bear left onto the A4040. Go through Harbourne, and continue until you come to a cross roads, turn right into A456 -Hagley Road West.

- The Thistle Hotel is just over 1 mile on your left.
- For the Centennial Centre, turn left into Monument Road (B4124) and left at the roundabout into Icknield Port Road

