

SAFE HAVEN 2018

The final update from the District 71 Toastmasters Conference in Cork — 11th to 13th May 2018

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OMG!!!!

We're almost there - there are simply hours left until we welcome you all to our gaff!!! We've spent the last two-and-a-half years plotting, planning and preparing to deliver a conference experience that will live in your memory for a very long time - in the best possible way.

However, we really need your help to do that so we'd appreciate if you could give the following items your **URGENT ATTENTION** - thank you!

BOOKINGS

In order to ensure that the conference centre can prepare for a horde of Toastmasters descending for a three-day weekend and that adequate supplies are to hand for all meals etc., we will be closing the booking options for all meals packages at 23:59 on Wednesday 9th May 2018 (i.e. Full Weekend / Partner Package / Saturday Trio / Gala Banquet / Saturday Special). **Tell everyone that is still trying to decide!!**

For administrative purposes, pre-booking of tickets for the International Speech and Evaluation contests will close at noon on Friday 11th May 2018. Walk-in tickets for both contests will be available on the day and we can facilitate cash and card payments (euro only).

Please check the conference package(s) you have already booked to make sure that all the events you wish to attend are included. All badges will be checked at all events so please ensure that you are wearing your badge at all times and that you don't embarrass our volunteers by trying to attend events that aren't included in your package(s). If you need to upgrade or add to your conference package, please book online or contact our Bookings Manager, Lisa, via email to lisa@safehaven2018.ie

The full programme including **all timings** is available from a link at the top of our "Programme" page on <https://safehaven2018.ie/programme>

AIRPORT COLLECTIONS

We're trying to coordinate collections of delegates who are flying in to Cork airport so that we can organise low-cost transfers to the hotel for you but if you don't send us your flight times, it's a little difficult for us to do that. Taxis from the airport to the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs will cost from €25 per trip. Please email welcome@safehaven2018.ie **ASAP** with flight details if you wish to be included in airport collections.

In the event that your flight is not being met, there will be a **#SafeHaven2018** meeting point in the arrivals hall for you to connect with other delegates and save some money by sharing taxis to the conference centre.

BANNERS

So far, we have banners from 19 clubs. That's just short of 10% of clubs in District 71! There's still time, though - have a chat with your SAA or whoever minds the club banner between meetings. Get them to take a photo at home and send the picture to welcome@safehaven2018.ie so that we can make sure that every club is represented at conference.

ANGLO-IRISH MEETINGS

The "**Anglo-Irish**" Meeting hosted by Guardian Toastmasters in the fantastic penthouse suite at the Clayton Hotel Cork City is booked out.

However, Blarney Toastmasters have come on board and will be hosting a Toastmasters meeting in the Conference Centre, Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, also on Thursday, 10th May at 19:30. A very special guest will be speaking and a great agenda is lined up. No pre-booking is required - the meeting is in Harbour 6 and Blarney Toastmasters would love to welcome you.

ENTERTAINMENT

The craic is organised for 23:00 or so on Friday night - it'll be in Harbour 10. For Saturday night - if you can drag yourself off the dance-floor, that is - there will be several forms of entertainment upstairs in the Conference Centre for you to sample and enjoy.

- Harbour 6 : **Bold Ensemble** (improv performance) - hilarity and creativity combined, guaranteed to make you laugh.
- Harbour 8 : **Lip sync battle / karaoke** - get practicing!!!
- Harbour 10 : **Craic** house. It wouldn't be conference without it! **Last chance** to send in your suggestions for the SafeHaven Songbook!!
- Harbour 11 : **The Gab storytelling** - story in all its forms with fantastic tellers and the fab Paddy as Fear-an-Tí. Pure enchantment.

DRESS CODE

Friday Night Theme : "Dress in something that shows where you're from."

"Where you're from" isn't necessarily where you live now - or the Toastmasters club you represent ... it's more about your heart / soul / heritage. Wear traditional costume, a team jersey, your home town colours in a tie or scarf ... whatever shows your pride in your "home".

Saturday Night Gala Dinner : this is always formal attire and we're **suggesting** a dress code of "Red, White & Black".

GENTLEMEN : feel free to add a dash-ing of red with a bow tie, cravat, waistcoat, pocket square, socks or go mad altogether with braces!!

LADIES : go with a basic LBD or style it to the max with any combination of the three colours. And of course ... **red shoes**!!!!!!

We're so excited about welcoming you to Cork - your home for what will be a great Conference!
See you very, very soon!

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