



**BRIGHTON** - ENGLAND

# SPRING Conference

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## Welcome to **BRIGHTON & HOVE**



#### Dear All

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in the fun city of Brighton & Hove. Thank you to Martin and everyone involved at Irwin Mitchell for hosting the Spring conference which I am sure will not just be interesting but also entertaining.

The Agenda deals with a number of issues which affect Brighton.

Fintech is a particular expertise of the Brighton area. We are also going to have an update on UK Political Trends and Brexit including its likely impact on businesses across Europe and beyond.

On the rather more relaxed Saturday, we will have some sessions on managing diversity in legal practices and upon the implementation of GDPR (which comes into force on that day).

The social agenda has been deliberately kept fairly open. Brighton & Hove is a small city and whilst the conference is taking place, the last week of Brighton Festival will be in full swing. Participants at the conference will be able to walk to many events and they are urged to log onto the Brighton Festival website – <a href="https://brightonfestival.org">https://brightonfestival.org</a> to see what is available to them when they are in the city. As tickets go fast if you want to attend anything on the afternoon of Saturday 26 May, it would be wise to book online now.

There follows further information and a detailed breakdown of the business and social agenda together with travel plans for getting to Brighton.

Most importantly, there is a form for you to complete in which you book attendance at the various events and pay in advance. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that you pay in advance so that we avoid the need for cash accounting.

We are looking forward to an informative and entertaining conference.



Kind regards

Philip Gilliland

Chairman

## Getting to **BRIGHTON**



## **By Air**

Gatwick Airport is equidistant from London and Brighton. Gatwick is also a hub for easyJet. If you are going to fly to England, then it is preferable that you book your flight to Gatwick. From Gatwick there are regular train services down to Brighton.

It will take about 30 minutes on the train. It is strongly recommended that you catch the train from Gatwick to Brighton rather than use a taxi. If you land at Heathrow, then you have the choice of either getting the bus from Heathrow to Gatwick and picking up a train or are travelling into central London and then getting a train from Victoria Station to Brighton.

#### **By Car**

If you come through the tunnel by car, you will find it quicker to drive on the motorway up to the M25 circle south London and then travel directly down the M23 to Brighton. The alternative is to drive along the coast road, which is very slow and frustrating.

The Metropole Hotel will be able to provide you with car parking arrangements.

#### **Arriving in Brighton**

When you arrive at Brighton Station, you will emerge and see a long straight road that leads down to the sea interspersed by a clock tower. You can choose to either walk all the way down to the sea and then turn right to the Metropole Hotel.

Alternatively you can get a taxi from the Station to the Metropole Hotel. If you are travelling with some cases, I would recommend a taxi.



## Social AGENDA



### **Thursday Evening**



For those who arrive on Thursday evening, spaces have been booked at a Vietnamese street food restaurant within easy walking distance of the Hotel.

This is a busy and convivial ethnic restaurant that is not expensive. You will order and pay yourself for whatever you eat and drink at this restaurant.

Website is https://www.phocafe.co.uk/

## **Friday Evening**

#### Our gala dinner will take place in the banqueting room of the Brighton Pavilion



This is an historic building. Prior to that, there will be a tour of the Pavilion which is strongly recommended. After the gala dinner, it is anticipated that some of the Irwin Mitchell people will lead enthusiastic participants to see the Brighton nightlife.

https://brightonmuseums.org.uk/royalpavilion/

#### Cost

1. Tour of the Pavilion	£7.00	€8.50
2. Gala dinner	£69.20}	
3. Wine	£7.20 }	€90

After our gala dinner, those who are interested in Brighton nightlife are welcome to join us at the Spiegeltent for Guilty Pleasures. Please note that only 30 tickets have been booked, so "first come first serve" principle shall apply.



## **Saturday Afternoon**

No arrangements have been made for Saturday afternoon as it is hoped that individuals will walk through Brighton and if they want, attend some of the Brighton Festival events.

Check out https://brightonfestival.org/

### **Saturday Evening**

There will be a trip on the i360. You travel (in a group of 50) up a 450 foot concrete mast in a futuristic glass viewing pod. You can see (on a good day) the City, the South Downs National Park, the UNESCO Biosphere and the Isle of Wight (49 miles away). Website http://britishairwaysi360.com/

This will be followed by a meal in the Walrus Pub.

Website: http://www.thewalrusbrighton.com/

Cost

Flight on i360 £14.85 €17.50 Dinner at Walrus including wine £30.00 €35.00





# AGENDA DAY 1



# **AVRIO ADVOCATI SPRING CONFERENCE 24th - 26th MAY 2018**BRIGHTON, ENGLAND

FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018		
09H00 - 12H00	Avrio Board meeting	
12H00 - 13H30	Lunch for Board Members	
13H30 - 14H00	Registration at Metropole Hotel	
14H00	Conference commences	
14H00 – 14H05	Philip Gilliland – Chairman Introduction to Conference	
14H05 - 14H15	Darren Johnstone – "Visit Brighton" Introduction to Brighton	
14H15 - 14H20	Martin Cross Introduction to Irwin Mitchell	
14H20 - 14H45	Talk on Brexit	
14H45 - 15H15	Talk on Fintech	
15H15 - 15H45	Coffee & networking	
15H45 - 16H45	Talk on Diversity	
16H45 - 17H00	Questions & Answers	
17H00 - 17H15	Wrap up and instructions for social agenda	
17H15 - 18H30	Free time	
18H30 - 19H00	Assemble in reception and walk / taxi to Royal Pavilion	
19H00 - 19H30	Tour of Pavilion	
19H30	Gala Dinner in Pavilion	
23H00	Guilty Pleasures at the Spiegeltent	

# AGENDA DAY 2



#### **SATURDAY 26TH MAY 2018**

09H30 - 09H45	Philip Gilliland – Chairman Introduction to the day
09H45 - 10H45	Two break out sessions 1. Diversity – Martin Cross 2. GDPR – Daniel Hedley
10H45 - 11H00	Coffee & Networking
11H00 - 11H15	Break out session reports on discussion
11H15 - 12H00	Avrio internal matters
12H00 - 12H30	Philip Gilliland – wrap up Martin Cross – instruction on social agenda
12H30 - 18H30	Free – Enjoy Brighton at the Festival
18H30 - 19H00	Assemble in reception and walk to i.360
19H00 - 19H30	i.360 flight
19H30	Walrus Pub for meal



# Booking FORM



## AVRIO ADVOCATI SPRING CONFERENCE BRIGHTON & HOVE – 24 – 26 MAY 2018

	COST PER HEAD	ATTENDEE NAME	ATTENDEE NAME	TOTAL COST	DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (insert quantity for each selection)
FRIDAY EVENING TOUR OF THE PAVILION	€8.50				
FRIDAY EVENING GALA DINNER (to include wine) * Menu attached	€90.00				Meat starter Vegetarian starter Meat main Vegetarian main
FRIDAY EVENING SPIEGELTENT CLUB	€12.00				
SATURDAY TRIP TO i.360	€17.50				
SATURDAY MEAL AT THE WALRUS (to include wine) * Menu attached	€35.00				Meat starter Vegetarian starter Meat main Vegetarian main
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE					

Please transfer the total amount due and owing to the following bank account:

ING Avenue Marnix 24 (B-1000, Brussels, Belgium) / IBAN: BE92 3630 6995 4723 / SWIFT: BBRU BE BB

I hereby confirm that in returning this Booking Form I have transferred the requisite funds to the above bank account and understand that this payment is non-refundable.

Signed:	Date:

PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOKING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO <u>INFO@ADVRIOADVOCATI.COM</u> AND MAKE PAYMENT TO THE BANK ACCOUNT SIMULTANEOUSLY. WHEN MAKING PAYMENT, PLEASE STATE IN THE PAYMENT TRANSFER FORM "PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF SOCIAL EVENTS FOR BRIGHTON CONFERENCE FROM ....."

## **MENUS**



#### FRIDAY EVENING GALA DINNER AT THE PAVILION

Meat starter Ham egg & chips – Ham hock, poached quails egg, potato gaufrettes, piccalilli

Veggie starter Ravioli – Smoked ricotta, butternut squash, 'gapacho' consommé

**Meat main** Lamb – rack of lamb, pistachio crust, daulphinoise, fine beans, carrot, jus

**Veggie main** 'Baklava' – Pistachio & cashew, filo layered with Blacksticks Blue & mushroom,

cauliflower puree, roasted cauliflower & pea salsa

**Dessert** Melting chocolate pots with sticky brandy brioche soldiers

#### SATURDAY EVENING DINNER AT THE WALRUS

**Meat starter** Chicken Liver Parfait, red onion & port chutney, pickles

Veggie starter Beetroot & Broadbean Houmous, toasted hazelnuts, coriander, flatbread

**Meat main** Beer Battered Haddock & Chips, Tartare sauce, peas & burnt lemon

**Veggie main** Pan Fried Polenta, braised fennel, Romano sweet pepper, red onion, tomato &

basil sauce

**Dessert** Apple & Damson Crumble, with house Amaretto

