



BAFA Conference for Festivals 2021: Reconnect - information for attendees

Crown Hotel, Harrogate:

Tuesday 16 November - Wednesday 17 November 2021

Our approach to Covid

We're aware that although public guidance in England has removed restrictions at meetings and events, we are keen to make everyone feel as safe and comfortable as possible while at the conference.

Here is our guidance for attending the event.

Pre-event testing

We ask that all attendees do a lateral flow test within 24 hours of attending your first day of the conference, please, and to stay away if you have a positive test. We will have 15 minute lateral flow tests available at the Hotel if you are unable to test before leaving, or if you wish to test during the conference. If you develop Covid symptoms while at the conference, please continue to test and stay off site. Please be aware that the top 5 symptoms for Covid are:

- runny nose
- headache
- sneezing
- sore throat
- persistent cough

If you have a positive PCR test during or following attendance at the conference, please [e-mail us](#) as soon as possible - thank you.

Masks and social distancing

We encourage use of face coverings when moving around the venue, please, although this is a personal choice, and you may wish to remove face coverings when seated. We also encourage helping fellow attendees feel safe by keeping your distance where possible.

We are aware that one of the really important parts of being at conference is to have good face-to-face conversations, and we have built in long coffee and lunch breaks to enable networking. Please be aware that the Crown Hotel is a Victorian building so ventilation is limited, although we will take whatever measures are possible in the conference spaces to enable airflow. We also recommend taking regular outdoor breaks, hopefully in the late autumn Harrogate sunshine!

Cleansing

We have hand sanitisers located around the conference rooms and we encourage all attendees to make use of hand sanitiser and hand-washing facilities at the hotel, particularly before and after lunch and coffee breaks.

Hugging?

It's been a long time since we have met and many of us are good friends, so hugs may be on the agenda! Please be aware that not everyone is happy with physical contact, though - to make this easier, we have green stickers available at registration. Please pop a green sticker on your badge if you're happy to be hugged.

Other queries?

If you have any other queries about the Conference or BAFA, please do get in touch - Fiona Goh, BAFA Director, is on 07722 038937 (fiona@artsfestivals.co.uk) or the BAFA mobile is 07756309844 (bafa@artsfestivals.co.uk).

Venue information

Where is it? The conference is being held at The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. With a history dating back over 300 years, alongside an enviable location just moments from many of Harrogate's most popular sites, The Crown Hotel combines beautiful surroundings with a storied past and luxurious facilities.

BAFA has a special delegate rate of £80 per person per night for accommodation at the conference venue, The Crown Hotel - to access the BAFA rate, please call to reserve your room on 01423 567755.

If you have never been to Harrogate before, you are really in for a treat - it has fantastic restaurants, shops, green spaces and access to wonderful countryside, as well as a fabulous festival. And Bettys!

The Crown Hotel
Crown Place Harrogate
North Yorkshire
HG1 2RZ



Catering

Your conference ticket includes lunch on the day(s) of your attendance, plus tea and coffee in the breaks. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies, please let us know as soon as possible - thank you!

Wine reception

We have a wine reception generously supported by our host, Harrogate International Festivals, which is taking place on Tuesday 16 November at 6pm - 7.30pm at Hotel du Vin, Prospect Place, Harrogate HG1 1LB. Directions are here and it is a 5 minute walk from the Crown Hotel.

Evening meal - Tuesday 16 November

Some delegates will be having dinner together on the evening of Tuesday 16 November - if you would like to join us or need help with restaurant recommendations, please get in touch!

Harrogate has many fantastic restaurants - here are some of our favourites:

- Brio - noisy Italian, good food. <http://www.brios.co.uk/>
- Sasso - Italian with table cloths, good food, cheaper than Brio!
<https://www.sassorestaurant.co.uk/>
- Tannin Level - <https://tanninlevel.co.uk/>
- Jinnah - no website, very good curry house, works well for groups
- West Park Hotel - brasserie style food
<https://www.thewestparkhotel.com/>
- Pickled Sprout - brasserie <https://www.the-yorkshire.co.uk/the-pickled-sprout/>

In addition, we recommend that you don't leave Harrogate without paying a visit to Bettys Tea Rooms! If you have more time in Harrogate, a trip to the Turkish Baths is a treat, there are some fantastic shops and lots of green space to stretch your legs.

Accessibility

The conference venue is fully accessible for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. If you are attending the wine reception at Hotel du Vin, please be aware that if you have mobility issues or need wheelchair access, you may need to use a different entrance to the rear of the building. Please contact us if we can help with this or to discuss other ways in which we can help make the conference accessible to you.

Social media

We had brilliant engagement for our February online conference and it would be great to keep the conversation going online for Reconnect - please use #BAFA21 and #ConferenceforFestivals - thank you!

Post-event

We will be e-mailing out the conference survey to all delegates on the last day of the conference - the link is here. We really appreciate any feedback you can give us so do feel free to come and see us and talk over any problems, suggestions or ideas - thank you!

Conference recording

We will be recording an audio feed of the conference for distribution to all delegates and BAFA members post-event, together with links to presentations and videos. All information will be available on the private BAFA Reconnect page, here.