



Brighton National Conference 2016

Relatively Speaking



Schedule

FRIDAY 24 JUNE

14.00 – Check-in opens for conference and on-site accommodation. Optional extras include:

Guided tour of The Keep

The Keep is a purpose-built repository for the records of Sussex as well as the Mass Observation Archives. The Mass Observation social research organisation ran between 1937 and the early 1950's and specialised in collecting records relating to everyday life in Britain.

Choice of two tours

- A tour of the University of Sussex campus designed by Sir Basil Spence and built in the 1960s. It has been called a design classic and said to rank alongside those of the Mini car and Mary Quant's mini skirt, according to a BBC TV programme on the 1960s.
- A tour of the American Express Community Stadium, home of Brighton & Hove Albion football team was completed in 2011 and – according to our local guides – is a fascinating place to visit, for footie fans and non-footie fans alike.

19.30 – Sit-down conference dinner with table quizzes

21.00 – Live music from the Ladies That Boogie

SATURDAY 25 JUNE

8.30 – Registration and refreshments

9.30 – Conference start time

First speaker

The conference will kick off with a talk by Chief Constable of Hampshire, Olivia Pinkney, who will be talking to us about the relationship between women and the police force. Olivia has had a distinguished career in the police force and has acted as South East lead for serious and organised crime and led nationally on tackling organised immigration crime, including human trafficking.

Second speaker

Next up will be the prolifically bestselling author Peter James whose series of Roy Grace novels are all set around the Brighton area.

12.30 – Lunch (this will take place in the restaurant).

13.45 – AGM and presentation of the Mary Stott Award

Afternoon activities

The following activities will be taking place at the same time. The choices are as follows:

- Listen to local historian Dr Geoffrey Mead giving a talk on 19th century Brighton. Geoffrey is regarded as a lively and interesting speaker who is extremely knowledgeable about Brighton and leads a vast array of guided tours around the city. His work with the Centre for Community Engagement at the University of Sussex has featured in the national press.
- Watch the inflatable planetarium put on by the department of Physics and Astronomy (also available during lunchtime)
- Get physical in our self-defence workshop
- Hone in and focus in our mindfulness session
Following the workshops, a special abridged version of the chamber musical The Theory of Relativity by theatre production company Relative Motion, will take place.

17.30 – Conference close

The conference will close with news of the 2017 conference venue.

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

For those of you staying until Sunday there is an exciting choice of activities on that morning:

- A guided tour of the world famous Regency gem, the Royal Pavilion – an absolute must see with opulence, regency architecture and Royal history.
- A visit to the Earthship (Stanmer Park) – the first one of its kind to be built in the UK. Earthships are incredible 'green' buildings, constructed using recycled materials. They use naturally occurring systems to provide all utilities – using the sun's energy and rain to provide heat, power and water. They are buildings that heat and cool themselves, harvest their own water and use plants to treat their sewage.
- A tour of Brighton's Victorian sewer system – described as an underground cathedral system. Stunning Victorian architecture few ever get to see and an adventure into the bargain.
- A trip up to see the stunning panoramic views at Devil's Dyke and hear about some of the fascinating history and legends surrounding the site.