



# Part-Time Researcher Conference 2012

## Administrative Details

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Thursday 23rd August 2012  
University of Stirling

## Information for participants

**Date of programme:** Thursday 23rd August 2012

**Conference Start time:** 09:00 – 09:30 (registration); plenary 09:30

**Conference Finish time:** 16:30

**Location:** University of Stirling, FK9 4LA: Andrew Miller building (beside the McRobert centre) and Cottrell building. The atrium of the Andrew Miller building will be used for registration and catering.

**MAP:** <http://www.stir.ac.uk/media/autoimport/documents/maps/campus>.

## Location

The venue is located in Stirling; the following link is a map of the location:

**MAP:** <http://www.stir.ac.uk/media/autoimport/data/assets/image/0016/14605/active-travel-stirling-city.jpg>

## Travel

The venue is accessible via public transport.

**Rail:** Regular services run from Edinburgh and Glasgow; those travelling from the North can reach Stirling via Scotrail services from Inverness, Aberdeen, Dundee and Perth. The university is situated approximately 2.5 miles from Stirling railway station, which has a taxi rank directly outside the main entrance. For details of train times, visit: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>. It takes less than 10 min to travel to the university by car from here and approximately 15 min by bus.

Delegates can also travel to Bridge of Allan rail station, which is closer to the university but does not have the same amenities as Stirling rail station. This station is suitable for those that cycle/walk. The station is approximately 25 min walk from the campus and easily accessible by bicycle.

**Bus:** At peak times 19 buses per hour run from Stirling to the main University campus. Most bus services to the campus run from either just outside Stirling's Rail Station or a two minute walk away, in Murray Place, making it possible to enjoy an easily integrated public transport journey to the campus. [FirstBus](#) operate the following services to the University – Unilink (UL), 53, 54, 58, 62 and 63.



**Car:** From the East, South or West, take the M9 to Junction 11, where there is a roundabout that marks the end of the M9. From here take the exit for Bridge of Allan, follow the road through the town, and after 200 metres you will find the University entrance on the left. From the North take the A9 to the same roundabout and follow the same route through Bridge of Allan. If you are using a Sat Nav, enter the postcode FK9 4LA, and you will be directed to the main entrance.

Visitors to the University are advised that a **vehicle access barrier system** operates on campus from September to May, inclusive. Visitors are requested to enter the University via the main entrance, and keeping to the left-hand Visitors' Lane, stop at the manned booth to collect a **visitors' parking permit**. Parking is free of charge. It is recommended that conference participants leave their car in the main Cottrell car park.

### **Bicycle: *Stirling Rail Station – University of Stirling***

On exiting Stirling Rail station turn right and follow Goosecroft Road before turning right into Wallace Street (Tesco Store on your right). At end of Wallace Street follow the underpass footpath and cross the historic Old Stirling Bridge over the River Forth. Carry on until you reach the pelican crossing at the junction of Cornton Road/Causewayhead Road. Cross over and continue straight along Causewayhead Road (A9), passing under the railway bridge and the entrance to Stirling County Rugby Club. Turn left at the Causeway head roundabout and follow the path until reaching the pelican crossing at Wallace High School, where you should cross to the pavement at the opposite side of the road. Continue on the A9. You can access the University via the entrance to the Scottish Institute of Sport, which takes you out opposite the main Cottrell Building car park, or via the University's main entrance (continue past the Scottish Institute of Sport). At the main entrance you should cross over the road to access the footpath that runs from the main entrance to the campus itself.

### **Bridge of Allan Rail Station – University of Stirling**

On alighting from your train make your way up to the A9 main road (road bridge crosses over the railway line). Once on the main road, turn right and make your way into the town of Bridge of Allan. Cross the road at the pelican crossing, located at the Allanwater Café, and then continue to make your way through the town. Follow this route all the way through the town. The main entrance to the University of Stirling is located approximately one mile after leaving Bridge of Allan.

**Accommodation** If you are looking to stay in Stirling, there is a wide selection of hotels and other accommodation available near the University:

<http://www.stirling.co.uk/accommodation/guesthouse.htm>

There is also accommodation on campus at the Stirling Management Centre

(<http://www.smc.stir.ac.uk/>).

## **Registration and Badges**

Registration will take place between 09:00 and 09:30 on 23rd August 2012. Participants are asked to wear the badges issued at all times, and return them at the end of the course.

Participants will be issued with a course pack during registration.



## Meals and Refreshments

Lunch and Refreshments: Lunch and refreshments will be served in the atrium of the Andrew Miller building at the times indicated on the programme provided at registration.

**Special Diets:** dietary requirements will be catered for during the conference. However, please note that special requirements must be pre-ordered, and any dietary requirements communicated in advance to [sandnihub@vitae.ac.uk](mailto:sandnihub@vitae.ac.uk), no later than Thursday 16th August.

## FAQ

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Are refreshments provided? Yes, all meals and snacks are provided for course participants. Please let us know (if you have not already done so) of any special dietary requirements you have.

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Is there a charge for this programme? The conference is free to attend for researchers, with the costs being met via sponsorship from the Vitae Scotland and Northern Ireland Hub. But please note that this is an expensive course to run and ensure you make the most of the experience.

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How do I get to the venue? A map of the venue is available:

<http://www.stir.ac.uk/media/autoimport/documents/maps/campus.pdf>

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Is transport provided to the venue? No, course participants will be expected to arrange their own travel to the venue.

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Is parking available at the venue? Yes, there is car parking available at the venue, and parking is free of charge. It is recommended that conference participants leave their car in the main Cottrell car park.