



## The 17th National Bisexual Convention in Edinburgh

BiCon 1999, BM BiCon, London WC1N 3XX

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- What?* A three day friendly gathering for bisexuals filled with discussions, speakers, activism, videos, stalls, art exhibitions, parties, entertainment, outings, support and making friends...
- Who?* All bisexuals and their friends are welcome.
- Where?* Edinburgh University's Pollock Halls, in the centre of Edinburgh.
- When?* Friday 16th to Sunday 18th July, with early registration on Thursday evening.
- Why?* For fun, for support, to catch up with people we know and meet people we want to know better.

There is almost no formal business to attend to at BiCon, and you can choose which sessions you want to attend or whether you'd rather go sightseeing or sit in the bar.

In the past sessions have included massage, activism, story telling, non-monogamy, coming out, spirituality, feminism, and games. We have already planned an art exhibition, live music and outings for this year. BiCon prides itself on being welcoming, and there are always special sessions for newcomers, so don't be shy if you don't know anyone - come anyway!

## The Venue

Pollock Halls is in the heart of Edinburgh, adjoining the open spaces of Holyrood Park, the largest City park in Europe and next to the Commonwealth Pool, and ten minutes from the City Centre. There is a bar serving drinks, coffee, and snacks open in the day and evening, and a well stocked shop on site. Public spaces in Pollock Halls are non-smoking.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is available for BiCon at £28 a night for a single room with breakfast on site. We can also send you a list of Hostel and Bed and Breakfast accommodation nearby (with prices starting at £10 a night). On site accommodation must be booked by 1st July.

## Disabled Access

The majority of Pollock Halls is fully wheelchair accessible and there is an induction loop in the main hall. Wheelchair accessible and ground floor accommodation can be booked on site. There is one meeting room which is accessible only by a spiral stair. We will do our best to rearrange workshops in this room to suit attendees with access difficulties. If you are bringing someone as a full time carer they can attend the conference free.

## Prices

BiCon aims to be accessible to people on low incomes, which is why registration fees are on a sliding scale. Please pick the price for your income and fill out how much you are paying on the registration form. If you are claiming the unwaged rate please enclose photocopied proof such as a signing on card, cover of benefit book, student card etc.

We much prefer early bookings, and prices will go up by about 25% after May 1st

<b>Income</b>	<b>Before May 1st</b>	<b>After May 1st</b>
Unwaged (with proof, see above)	£17	£20
Under 12 000 p.a.	£22	£27
12 000 to 17 000p.a.	£28	£35
17 000 to 22 000p.a.	£33	£41
22 000 to 27 000 p.a.	£38	£47
Over 27 000 p.a.	£43	£54

Daily Registration is available at half the three day rate.

When you have decided which rate you pay, fill in this form and send it with payment and an SAE to the address shown. We'll send you confirmation of your booking together with directions to the venue and information about accommodation if you have asked for it.

If you have offered to volunteer or run a workshop you will be contacted separately.

## Hardship Fund

Since we have a financial surplus from previous BiCons, this year's BiCon will be making some money available for a hardship fund to help low waged and unwaged people to attend. If you want to be considered for the hardship fund please tick the box on the form and enclose some details indicating why you have applied. Note you need not send a registration fee now if you are doing this, and we will not cash any cheques which arrive with hardship fund applications until we have replied to you.

# BiCon 1999 Booking Form

Send to: **BM BiCon**  
**London**  
**WC1N 3XX**

bicon99@bi.org  
<http://bi.org/~bicon/bicon99/>

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....  This is my first BiCon

Phone.....(optional)

E-mail.....(optional)  
(If you are volunteering or have special needs it helps if we have your phone number or e-mail address)

I would like to attend BiCon 1999 on Friday 16th/Saturday 17th/ Sunday 18th July 1999 (delete if not applicable) and I enclose my registration fee of

£.....

- I am paying the unwaged rate and enclose photocopied proof
- I want to apply for the hardship fund and enclose details about why I have applied.

## Accommodation

I wish to book on site B&B accommodation for Thursday/Friday/Saturday night, and enclose payment of £28 per night. Note accomodation must bebooked before 1st July.

Total: £.....

- I have access difficulties and need a ground floor room

If you are booking early (i.e. in 1998) you need not book your accommodation at the same time as your registration, but the sooner we know how many rooms will be needed, the better. On site accommodation must be booked by June 1st.

Total payment enclosed £..... (registration plus accommodation)

We can accept £sterling only. Please make cheques or POs payable to BiCon.

## Your needs

- Please send me details of wheelchair accessible accommodation.
- Please send me details of hostel and B&B accommodation.
- I would like creche accommodation for ..... children aged .....
- Note:** creche spaces **must** be booked before 1st June.
- I am deaf or hard of hearing and need sign language interpretation.  
(Please specify which language.)

**Note:** we are unlikely to have a full professional interpretation service, so contact us early so we can try to work out a level of service that will be of the most use to you.

## Volunteering

- I would like to volunteer for gophering/registration desk/stalls.
- I would like to volunteer for the creche
- I can offer counselling
- I am a qualified First Aider
- I can offer sign language interpretation (Please specify which language.)

**Note:** qualification/references may be asked for from creche, counselling, sign language interpretation and first aid volunteers. Creche volunteers will always be accompanied by a professional creche worker.

- I would like to run a session, details below.

**Note:** due to space limitation we may not be able to accept every session proposal. We will try to select sessions in order to make a balanced and interesting programme. We prefer sessions to be run by people who have been to BiCon before. If this is your first BiCon please tell us if you have any experience of running sessions.

- All information will be treated in confidence. Please tick this box if you wish us to pass on your details to the next BiCon.
- Please send me more copies of this form for distribution.

If you wish to book for more than one person please use separate forms. You are welcome to photocopy this form.