

Practical Information for the NextGEOSS and Oasis Hub Workshop 12-13 September 2017, Reading, UK

Meeting Venue

Penta Hotel

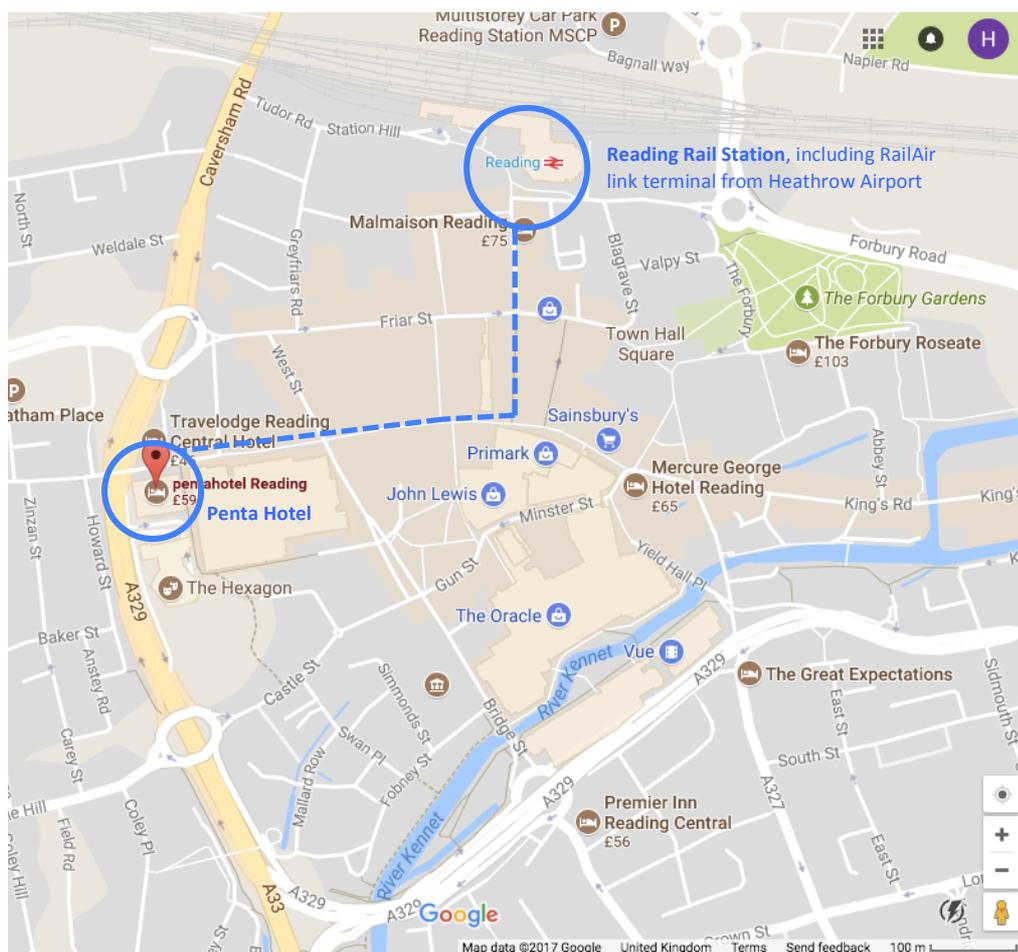
Oxford Road

Reading, RG1 7LT, UK

Registration

When entering the building, please follow the NextGEOSS/Oasis Hub workshop signs to the registration desk. There will be a name badge and information pack for you. If you need any assistance, please contact the Penta Hotel front desk and they will be able to direct you to the meeting room. Registration starts on Tuesday 12th September at 12.30 and opens again at 09.00 on Wednesday morning (13th September). Please arrive in plenty of time to get your badge and take advantage of the networking opportunities. If you haven't registered for the workshop via Eventbrite, please let the organisers know of any dietary or mobility requirements you may have (details at the end of this document).

Area Map of Reading



--- Best walking route from station, under 1km, 7 minutes in total

Getting Around

The Penta Hotel is located in the centre of Reading, within walking distance from the main railway station and close to local amenities, shops and restaurants.

Public Transport

The hotel is less than 1km away from the main rail station with regular direct services to London Paddington, London Waterloo and connecting services to London Gatwick.

The rail station also acts as the main terminal for the Reading RailAir link service. RailAir provides a fast, frequent link between Reading Railway Station and London Heathrow Airport. Coaches operate 7 days per week, up to every 20 minutes from 4am in the morning until 11pm at night. Further information can be found at: <https://www.firstgroup.com/berkshire-thames-valley/more/rail-air>

Getting to the hotel via car

The hotel is located in the town centre and close to a number of public car parks. Those closest to the hotel are 'The Mall' car park (SatNav: RG1 7QE) and 'Q-Park at Chatham Place' (Sat Nav: RG1 7DS). Both provide 24 hour parking and the preferred parking for the hotel is Q-Park, which has a discount scheme for those staying or attending events at the hotel. Parking in Reading is very expensive and traffic can be heavy at peak times, so you may wish to use one of the 'Park and Ride' schemes available detailed below.

Park and Ride

There are three 'Park and Ride' locations in Reading.

If you are approaching from the north or east of the town you will want to use the 'Winnersh Triangle' Park and Ride which is located just off the A329(M) using SatNav postcode: RG41 5RB. Buses run from this location every 15 minutes into central Reading and take around 15-20 minutes to make the journey.

If you are approaching Reading from the west or south, you can use either the Mere oak site or park at the Madejski stadium. The Mere oak site is just south of junction 11 of the M4, just off the A33 and the service runs every 10-15 minutes, taking 20 minutes to make the journey. The Madejski stadium is just off the A33 on the main route into Reading. It has buses running every 10-20 minutes, depending on the time of day and is a journey of up to 20 minutes.

Further information can be found at: <http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/park-and-ride/>

Hotels

There are many hotels for all budgets in the centre of Reading within walking distance of the venue. We are holding the workshop at the mid-priced Penta Hotel on Oxford Road.

Penta Hotel Reading

Oxford Road, Reading, RG1 7RH

On site

www.pentahotels.com/Reading

Ibis Hotel Reading Centre

25a Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP

480m, 6 minutes walk

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5431-ibis-reading-centre-new-ibis-rooms/index.shtml>

Hotel Novotel Reading

Icon House, Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP
480m, 6 minutes walk
www.novotel.com/Reading

Ibis Styles Hotel Reading Centre

25a Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP
650m, 8 minutes walk
www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-A071-ibis-styles-reading-centre-now-open/index.shtml

Malmaison Hotel Reading (opposite the railway station)

18-20 Station Road
650m, 8 minutes walk
www.malmaison.com/locations/reading/

Hotel prices vary, so please check upon reservation. A good website to source the best prices for local hotels at the time of booking is www.booking.com

Electricity

The UK normal voltage and frequency of the electricity supply in the UK is 230 v 50 Hz and plugs are a three point as shown below. **Please make sure you bring the appropriate plug adapter for your laptop computer and other electronic devices.**



Internet Availability

Free WIFI access is available to all those delegates attending the event or staying the in the hotel. Access information will be provided at check-in.

Useful Contacts

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Emergency services

Police, ambulance, fire service: 999