

Newcastle Complex Geometry Workshop - Info

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1 Getting about (and to the department)

Newcastle is a small city; nevertheless it has a metro underground railway. The metro connects the airport to the city center (the train takes about 30 mins to get in). The city center is covered by the stops: Central (where the train station is), Monument (where a large statue of Earl Grey is) and Haymarket (where the university is). If you are a football fan then the Newcastle United football stadium is the stop called St James. This is a link to the metro network map:

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/themes/custom/nexus/images/metro-map-large.jpg>

The University is located at the **Haymarket** stop. This is 2 stops from the central station stop and takes about 3 minutes on the metro. Alternatively, it takes about 15 minutes to walk to the department from the central railway station uphill slightly. The following is the link to some maps:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/visit/maps/>

The talks will take place in the **Herschel Building**. This is the large building that has the university crest on it when viewing from across the road at the Haymarket stop. You'll know you are in the correct building if there is a giant round mirror at one end of the ground floor atrium (I hope this uniquely characterises the building - at least locally). Provisionally, the talks will be on the fourth floor in **Teaching Room 2**.

The conference dinner will be held in the Red Mezze restaurant which is about a 5 minute walk from the department:

www.redmezzenewcastle.co.uk

In case of any problems my (SJH) mobile number is 07954-576759

2 Things to do in Newcastle if you are there for a day or two

2.1 Pubs

There are lots of nice pubs in the city. The (in)famous local drink is called Newcastle Brown Ale - this is now brewed in the Netherlands and I cannot really recommend it. Local breweries such as the Wylam brewery do much better beers (Hickey the Rake, Rocket, Jakehead). Some nice pubs are:

The Hotspur - <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Hotspur+Hotel/@54.97709,-1.6172267,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x487e70cbec5f1af3:0x2c3c0ecf1b736552!8m2!3d54.97709!4d-1.615038>

The Bridge Tavern - <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/The+Bridge+Tavern/@54.9694751,-1.6097237,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x487e70b771c34d07:0xaa98d965d5555799!8m2!3d54.9694751!4d-1.607535>

The Free Trade Inn - <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Free+Trade+Inn/@54.971059,-1.5893354,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x487e70949156bcf9:0xc6f558056303a75f!8m2!3d54.971059!4d-1.5871467>

The Cumberland Arms - <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/The+Cumberland+Arms/@54.9753897,-1.5913747,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m7!3m6!1s0x487e70eb0178b1ff:0x646ebb86a4ab69d3!5m1!1s2018-07-05!8m2!3d54.9753897!4d-1.589186>

2.2 Art Galleries and Music

There are at least two free art galleries in the city. One is the Laing which has a mixture of art by the (reasonably old) art school in the area as well as more modern artists. <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Laing+Art+Gallery/@54.9747379,-1.6093348,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x52e3646102815f64!8m2!3d54.9747379!4d-1.6093348>

The other gallery is in the Baltic Flour Mill just across the river (in another town known as Gateshead). This is a modern art gallery but it also has a really great viewing platform and a nice coffee shop at the bottom too. - <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/search/Baltic+Flour+Mill/@54.9692392,-1.6001253,17z/data=!3m1!4b1>

On this (the Gateshead) side of the river is the Sage music venue (the building that looks like a silver slug). There are often things going on here and it worth visiting just to go inside and see the views of the river. <http://www.sagegateshead.com/>

2.3 The Coast

The metro goes all the way out to the coast (e.g. Stops North/South Shields and Tynemouth). The beaches and the North Sea are not for the faint-hearted but the coastal walks are quite nice. If you want the best fish and chips in the North East then Colemans Fish and Chip shop in South Shields is where you should head.