Participant Handbook

Access to the event

In order to come to Hack the Burgh, you need to be able to prove your age and student status. This means you must be a student at an educational institute, or graduated no later than Autumn 2016.

Please bring your student ID and a government issued ID with you. If you are under 18, we have sent you a parental consent form that needs to be filled in by a guardian prior to the event. You will need a document providing proof of age as well (a photocopy is OK).

Also bring your Eventbrite ticket: a printed off ticket or a mobile ticket is acceptable. We will provide a wristband to you upon entry. Do not lose it, it is a proof that you are a participant.

Code of Conduct

This event is part of MLH and by participating you agree to follow the MLH Code of Conduct. Hackathons are meant to be fun and enjoyable for everyone and we hold a zero-tolerance policy against any kind of harassment or abuse. If such an issue arises you will be asked to leave the event.

Contacts

For any kind of problems during the event, the best way to reach us is Slack. For urgent event-related problems please contact front desk or any other Hack the Burgh organiser or volunteer. For critical life or death situations, general emergency numbers for police, ambulance and firefighter services are 999 and 112.

If you want to stay anonymous, you can also report any incidents or complaints to incidents@mlh.io.

Hackathon Rules

1.   You cannot work on previous projects.
2.   Maximum team size to be eligible for prizes is 4.
3.   MLH Code of Conduct and Safe Space Policy should be abided by at all times.
4.   Teams can enter multiple challenges, and each nomination will be judged individually.

House Rules

1.   No alcohol is allowed during the event. Security, School of Informatics and we will not tolerate any intoxicated participants. In such situation, will be asked to leave.
2.   Do not run.
3.   Do not wander around the building outside of the hacking space (the ground floor and sleeping rooms).
4.   Take care of your surroundings - if you spot any damage, please report it to one of the organisers or volunteers.

Getting here

Hack the Burgh 2017 will be held at the Informatics Forum (10 Crichton Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9AB)

By plane

To get from Edinburgh Airport to Informatics Forum there are three main options:

-       Airlink100 (RECOMMENDED)
    -   Stops: from Terminal Forecourt (Stop D) to Waverley Bridge
    -   Travelling time: around 45 minutes (including 15 minutes walking)
    -   Price: £4.50 single, £7.50 return
-       Bus number 35
    -   Stops: from Hilton Hotel to Nicolson Street
    -   Travelling time: around 55 minutes (including 6 minutes walking)
    -   Price: £1.60 single
-       Tram towards Edinburgh Gateway
    -   Price: from Edinburgh Airport to Princes Street
    -   Travelling time: around 45 minutes (including 16 minutes walking)
    -   Tickets: £5.50 single, £8.50 return

By train or coach

To get from Edinburgh Waverley station or coach station to the venue, you can either walk (15 minutes) or take busses 14, 30 or 33 from North Bridge to Surgeon's hall. The total time of this bus journey would be around 15 minutes.

Please note! Exact change is necessary when buying bus tickets from the driver (excluding Airlink).

There is also an app for buying bus or tram tickets on your iOS device or Android device.

Travel reimbursements

If you are travelling from outside of Edinburgh, we will reimburse your travel accordingly:

- Scotland – £20
- Northern England and Midlands – £40
- Southern England and EU – £50

Please fill in this form before the end of hackathon (March 19th 2pm). We will be checking attendance and participation and getting further details (sort code, account number) on Sunday during the event. Please do not forget to bring a print receipt with you or e-mail it to as at reimbursements@hacktheburgh.com.

If you cannot attend

We kindly ask you to let us know if you cannot make it to the hackathon and cancel your ticket. This makes it possible for other people to enjoy Hack The Burgh.

What to bring?

Hardware

Do bring your laptop and any accessories it requires. We should have enough plug sockets, but chargers, cables and such will be your responsibility. MLH will provide a hardware lab with things you will be able to hack on — Raspberry Pis, Amazon Echo speakers, VR headsets and so on. Our friends from Manchester are also bringing some Google Tangos. Check out the full lab here.

Sleeping

Although sleeping is not wildly popular amongst hackers, we encourage taking at least a short nap. There will be a sleeping area with airbeds but for your own comfort we recommend bringing a sleeping bag or a blanket.

Hygiene

To make sure you and your fellow hackers feel great hacking together, it is important to take care of yourself. Thus, we kindly ask you to bring these items with you:

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant

- A change of clothes

Unfortunately there will be no showers available. Feminine hygiene products will be provided, however, feel free to bring your own.

Social media

Make some noise! Make Hack the Burgh Instafamous and trending on Twitter. We also have a special Snapchat filter for the event, so be sure to spread the word in your stories.

There will be a Twitter competition running all weekend round and prizes will be given for the funniest tweets. All of your tweets will be on a live screen and public, so please remain polite!

Tags and mentions

- @hacktheburgh
- #HackTheBurgh

Slack

If you have not received an invite to join our Slack channel, please contact us via email hello@hacktheburgh.com or on Facebook.

Schedule

More on 2017.hacktheburgh.com/live.