Organisational Items

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Where/What/Who/...

- in case of problems: ask the locals! (Stefan, Danny, Matthew, Ery, Alexandre)
- will stay here in OC218 for the whole duration of the workshop: get comfortable!
  - cannot lock the room: if you need to leave temporarily, locals will find space for you to deposit backpacks/bags
- if you need a room for a Zoom meeting: we will do our best to provide you with an office for the duration of the meeting
- coffee breaks & light lunch in front of or in OC218
- toilets (men/women/accessible) are at the end of the floor (left at the elevator, all the way at the end) (and in equivalent place on floor above and below)
- urgent questions?

Dinner tonight/Wednesday

- Many great options[1]
- Fish and Chips: You have to try it once in your life. **Bells** in the Market square is one of the best you'll find. (Ask for cod and chips – the cod is typically big).
- Italian: **Rudy's** is great for pizza (but doesn't do much else). **Coviello** manages to also be a barbers somehow, but is great. **La Spaghettata** is cheap and cheerful.
- Turkish: **Akarsu** is great.
- Lebanese: **Lebaneat** and **Manakeet** are both fairly standard mid-range Lebanese food.
- Thai: **Zen** is about 10 minutes walk from the IPPP. **Nadon Thai** on Crossgate.
- Burgers: **Tango** / **Fat Hippo** / **Muztard Social Kitchen** all good
- American BBQ: **Notch**

[1] This list adapted from PASCOS 2025, see this link:
`https://conference.ippp.dur.ac.uk/event/1371/page/282-eating-drinking-entertainment`

Dinner tonight/Wednesday (cont.)

- Indian: you may be surprised to learn this is the British national cuisine. "British Indian" is typically a mix of Northern Indian, Punjabi, Pakistani, Bengali and Bangladeshi influences, slightly adapted (i.e. a bit less spicy - although usually you can ask for it as spicy as you like). Some dishes like Chicken Tikka Massala and Balti are genuinely British inventions. Anyway, a favourite is **Alishaan** on North Road which can take large parties at a moment's notice. **Spice Lounge**, just off the Market Square, is rated somewhat higher by the Indian postdocs but a lot smaller
- Steak house: If you need meat, **Rio Brazilian** is a Brazilian style steak house where you pay a fixed rate and guys come round carving meat onto your plate until you give in. **19Twenty** on Elvet Bridge is supposed to be good.

Drinking and other activities

- Pubs: If you just want a beer, there is no shortage of traditional pubs. The closest to the IPPP is the **Victoria Inn** on Hallgarth Street with its incredibly quirky arrangement of rooms (a favourite of Alex Lenz). Also recommended – **Ye Old Elm Tree** and the **Holy GrAle** on Crossgate are classic British pub, the Station House just below the train station for quirky ales and an excellent range of ciders.
- Tea and Cake: In town**Vennels** is a quirky Cafe hidden down a back alley that has nice cakes and a selection of sandwiches, pies etc. **Treats** on Silver Street and **Riverview Kitchen** (with a lovely view over the river) are also nice places.
- Coffee: The usual suspects - Starbucks, Cafe Nero, Costa are all present and correct in Town. **Flat White** and **Leonards Coffee House** (location down another alley too difficult to describe - Google it) are also recommendeds.
- Durham Cathedral: Built between 1093 and 1133, it houses the relics of Saint Cuthbert (including the coffin which has the head of St Oswald inside it apparently), and the tomb of the Venerable Bede. You can enter the Cathedral and grounds any time.