

Call for papers

A Long Way from Home: The Baltic People in the United Kingdom

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The Baltic diaspora has been, and continues to be, a significant community within the UK. The Baltic diaspora in the UK grew considerably as a result of a mass emigration in the form of a refugee exodus during WW2. After the restoration of independence and EU membership, a new wave of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians came to the UK. The exact size of the Baltic diaspora today is not known but is estimated to be over 100 000.

The main purpose of this academic event is to bring together researchers who are involved in studying the Baltic diaspora and Baltic migration with specialists from other related fields to promote this field of academic research. In addition to facilitating the establishment of links between scholars and enabling contacts to be made with experts and specialists on migration and diaspora studies at universities and research institutions in the UK and abroad, the purpose of the event is to lay the foundations for a future network of Baltic diaspora studies in the UK.

In tandem with the 2-day academic conference, a cultural event and a reception will be organised. This is to be open to the public, and is intended for all Balts and other interested parties living locally to establish closer contacts with local diaspora members for both academic and non-academic purposes.

Abstracts for papers (150 words) are invited in the following areas:

Historical contacts between the UK and the Baltic states

The history of Baltic migration in the UK

Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians in the UK after the Second World War

A8 migration from the three Baltic states

Diaspora life and famous members of the Baltic diaspora

Belonging, identity, social and cultural integration of Baltic people in the UK

Please fill in the attached registration form and send it to Lea Kreinin
lea.kreinin@glasgow.ac.uk by the end of December 2012.

Abstracts should be submitted to by the deadline of **10 January 2013**. The conference also welcomes proposals for **posters**. Please submit your proposal electronically as an attachment to the email address above.



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