



NINE WORLDS

London's Inclusive Fan Culture Convention

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Novotel London West

Welcome to Nine Worlds

Welcome to Nine Worlds Geekfest 2018!

Nine Worlds is a big festival for all kinds of geeky interests, including academia, boardgaming, books, comics, cosplay, crafting, creative writing, entertainments, fandoms, fantasy, fanworks, food and drink, gaming, identity and culture, kids, LARP, meetups, movies, performance art, podcasting, RPGs, social gaming, teen fandom, theatre, tech, TV, video gaming, and young adult.

We've moved to an even more user-generated content model this year, and we're really looking forward to sharing all of the amazing

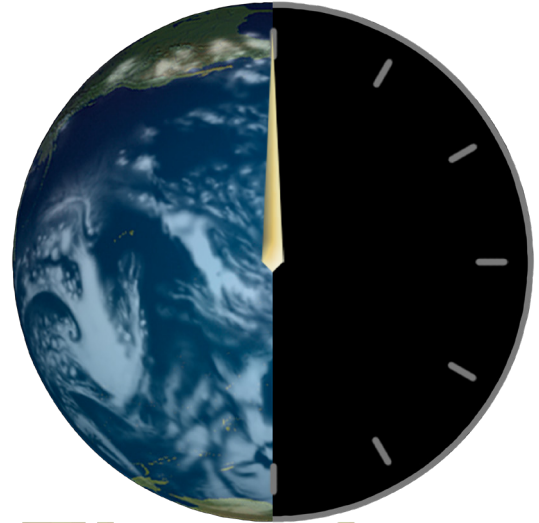
stuff you've submitted. With a dozen or more things to choose from at once, the main issue is always too much awesomeness. Please jump in, explore new interests, meet people, and have a big old party. We hope you have an amazing time!

With love,

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Elsewhen Press is an independent publisher, based in South East England, with a mission to deliver outstanding new talents in speculative fiction. We love books; we are passionate about Science Fiction and Fantasy; we treasure diversity. So we established Elsewhen Press in 2011 specifically to encourage the best new and previously unpublished authors. We have now published more than 60 titles across SF/F genres by a diverse range of authors from around the world, and we are delighted that reviews and customer feedback are overwhelmingly positive. We pride ourselves on the quality of our books, giving the best possible experience to our readers in print and digital at a price that is fair to both reader and author. We actively adopt an approach based on close personal relationships with our authors, editors and artists, and are honoured that these incredibly creative people identify themselves as part of an 'Elsewhen family'.



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Head of Zeus is an independent publishing house, committed to new talent, great writing and quality in everything we produce. With our 40-strong team based in Clerkenwell, we have centuries of expertise, global reach, and a nimble, creative, decisive culture. We are not afraid to take risks, or challenge the status quo.

We are six years old and we have published over 2,000 books. We have achieved 60 number 1 bestsellers in Ebook (and countless top tens), and 12 top-ten bestsellers in print. At the Bookseller Industry Awards, in 2015 we were named Digital Business of the Year, and in 2017 we were named Independent Publisher of the Year.



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Information/Nine Ways to Enjoy

Information

Where to find information

This booklet and the accompanying fold-out timetable are a good starting point for most of the information you'll need to enjoy this year's Nine Worlds. Other ways to find information and get answers include:

- Build your personal timetable at: sites.grenadine.co/sites/nineworlds/en/2018
- Check out the rest of the nineworlds.co.uk website for more detailed versions of the information in this booklet. The access and children and teens web pages especially are far more detailed.
- Follow @London_Geekfest on Twitter for real time news and updates, and tweet us with questions or experiences.
- Contact a Nine Worlds staff member. All staff will be wearing special staff badges, and many operational staff (e.g. stewards) will be wearing hi-vis jackets. There should be a staff member within sight and sound distance of all programme areas at all times.
- Ask at the pink fluffy info desk on the first floor of the convention centre, next to registration.
- Approach a member of hotel staff. They won't have answers about convention content, but will be happy to assist with other queries.

Where to find help

If you're having trouble or you wish to report an incident to convention staff, come to the info desk. A staff member will be able to help you out, and assist you in taking a report further if that's what you'd like to do. They'll also have local emergency phone numbers, and if you need to call the police, we will support you.

How to help out

We could always use a helping hand to keep the show on the road. If you'd like to volunteer for a few hours, ask at the info desk and we'll take it from there.

How to give feedback

We will email a link to an online feedback form to all ticket holder email addresses following the convention. You can also email feedback@nineworlds.co.uk at any time. We will respond to all emailed feedback we receive, but be aware this may take a long time as we get a lot of feedback.

Nine Ways to Enjoy

1. **Be Excellent To Each Other:** make sure you've read the code of conduct and the policies in this booklet so you don't accidentally step on folks' boundaries.
2. **Be Excellent To Yourself:** cons can be really intense, high-energy experiences. Pace yourself, and make sure you take time out to recharge in the ways that work best for you, be that with a nap, a nice meal, or some time with friends.
3. **Try Out New Areas Of Geekdom:** Nine Worlds is a great big melting pot of all kinds of fandoms, interests and cool things. It's likely that your areas of interest will have loads of awesome stuff going on, but remember that this is also a chance to try out something new, with organisers and speakers keen to introduce new people to their favourite things.
4. **Get Involved:** a great way to meet new people and have a whole lot of geeky fun is to volunteer. Ask at the info desk and we'll happily point you to the Volunteer Spawning Point.
5. **Arrive On Time:** or even a bit early. We've got a very busy con this year. Some

Nine Ways to Enjoy/Access

events will fill up, and you may not be able to get into everything you want to see. Be prepared with back-up options for each session, and show up early for items you really don't want to miss.

6. **Check Your Photo Boundaries:**

People will be taking lots of photos during the event. If you don't want to be photographed, please wear a yellow lanyard: you can pick one up at Registration. You don't have to wear it all the time.

7. **Discuss:** we're having lots of complicated conversations here - that's what makes the con interesting! It's totally okay to politely disagree: just please be respectful and kind, and assume good faith in others, okay?

8. **Know Where To Find Help:** you can ask any of our volunteers wearing hi-vis vests or Staff badges for help, anytime. You can also speak to people on the info desk; or, out of hours, the hotel desk is open. You can also tweet us @London_Geekfest with questions, or the access team on @9WAccess, but bear with us if we take a little time to respond.

9. **Meet New People:** many people at conventions are keen to chat with strangers and make new friends - you might like to strike up a conversation by asking about their cosplay or their fandoms. You can check others' boundaries by seeing if they're wearing a communication preference badge!

Access

This year, we will have step-free access, accessible toilets, gender neutral toilets, designated quiet room, outdoor smoke free space, a communication preference system, and kid-friendly content. Content warnings

will be used as appropriate. A BSL Interpreter will be interpreting a number of sessions. There are long breaks between sessions, and attendees can enter and leave sessions as they like. We believe that this year's venue is mostly accessible. The outside space is still somewhat affected by building works, which Novotel have no control over. They have done their best to help us make outside spaces accessible.

We recognise that people have a diverse range of needs due to impairment, disability, chronic health issues, or neurodiversity. We know that it is not always easy to meet everyone's needs perfectly. However, we aim to go beyond our legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and work to make Nine Worlds as accessible, welcoming and inclusive a space as possible. We know that we won't always get everything right; we welcome feedback and undertake to improve accessibility each year.

Our access coordinator, Samantha, and her deputy, Tes, will be available throughout the event to help with any access issues or queries. You can reach them by tweeting @9waccess, emailing access@nineworlds.co.uk, or asking for assistance at the info desk.

Priority seating stickers are available from the registration and info desks, and entitle the wearer to priority entry and priority seating in all content rooms. If standing is difficult, painful or impossible for you, or you have specific seating requirements, including needing to be at the front, on an aisle, or at the back, please request a Priority Access Seating sticker from the registration desk. Priority Access Seating is available for those with anxiety issues, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, sensory impairment, pregnancy, or any other issue that means you would benefit from a seat in a specific location,

Access/Families

in addition to those with mobility difficulties. Floor seating and wheelchair spaces will also be provided. There will also be a priority access queue with seats for registration, which does not require you to have obtained a sticker. Please use this queue if you have difficulty standing, difficulty with crowds, or any other issue that might make registering difficult for you.

The quiet room is for anyone who wishes no one to talk to or interact with them. Multiple people are welcome, provided they respect others' needs and make no noise. Please do not use this room for socialising. The quiet room is equipped with soft furnishings and lighting, a place to lie down, sensory toys and activities such as colouring and Sudoku, as well as being stocked with ear plugs and eye masks. Ear plugs and back supports can be collected from the quiet room for use elsewhere on site; please return back supports to the quiet room at the end of the convention. Ear plugs also will be available from the tech desk (turn right as you enter Cremant) during the evening discos.

The access page on our website contains much, much more information on access services and site accessibility for this year's event, including a detailed, sensory rich walk through of the venue with photos. Browse nineworlds.co.uk/access or ask for a print-out at our info desk. Our info desk can also provide large print versions of a number of other documents, including this booklet.

Families For Families

The kids space will be in Cognac on the first floor of the hotel, near refreshments and the gaming area. It will be stocked with activities for children of all ages; including games, toys

and colouring in or activity books for young children. This space can be accessed during daytime hours. Please leave it tidy for other people to use. If you wish to use the lending library we've provided for comics, games and stim toys and ear defenders, please write down your badge number and what you've borrowed on the sheet provided, and return it when you're done. Please note - children should be supervised if playing on the terrace outside the kids area.

There will be kids content scheduled, including workshops on human rights, cartoon screenings, group storytelling activities, and craft sessions. All kids sessions have the potential to be adapted for children at various ages, and also those children with additional needs. While these are specifically aimed at children and young people, don't forget to look at the main programme too as there may be other sessions that will interest your particular child.

The majority of sessions in the main program will be child friendly in content, barring those sessions labelled as [18+] or [Adult Content]. You are welcome to leave and re-enter sessions as and when you or the children with you require, but please do so as quietly as possible to avoid disrupting the speakers. We also understand some parents and carers may need to answer their phones during sessions for reasons relating to childcare. We ask that if this happens you leave as quietly as possible to minimise disruption, and if possible wait until you've left the room to answer your phone. However you choose to feed your child, you are welcome to do so anywhere at Nine Worlds. We do not tolerate the harassment of people feeding children either through breastfeeding or other methods - if you are

Families/Getting Around

harassed while feeding a child, please make us aware and it will be dealt with. If you require hot water for heating milk/bottles; or require baby food warming, the restaurant is staffed 24 hours a day and staff there will be happy to help. Restaurant staff will also help to find a quiet spot to feed children if asked.

We've also marked changing spaces on the venue map, and there will be a portable changing mat available in the kids space.

If you become separated from a child in your care, please report immediately to the info desk (in the black and white lobby on the first floor), or the nearest convention volunteer who will assist you by putting out a call on our radio system to help find the lost child. Please point the info desk, and volunteers in purple or green vests out to children as the places and people that will help them if they are lost.

For Teens

This year we are opening one of our content rooms as a teen lounge for socialising, for the majority of the convention. The lounge will be located in the Pouilly room on the Mezzanine floor, and during it's opening hours, we'll have a games and comic library available for use. This will include board games, character sheets for games of Monsterhearts, and comics ranging from Marvel & DC to indie YA comics. Please check the timetable for opening hours. When the teen lounge is not open, these things will be kept in the kids area and you can sign them out using our library system and use them elsewhere.

Teenage attendees are welcome to participate in both kids sessions and general audience sessions. There will be a very few sessions restricted to over 18s only which we would ask

you not try to sneak into, as we may have to ask you to leave if you do. Please be assured that most identity based sessions (eg sessions relating to LGBTQIA+ identities) will not be age restricted and you will be welcomed in them. We also want to assure teen attendees that we think you have valid opinions and contributions to make at Nine Worlds. As such we cover discrimination and bullying based on age under our anti-harassment policy - if you feel you are being bullied or disrespected because of your age, please speak to a volunteer and we'll do our best to fix the situation.

We will also be holding a feedback session for teenage attendees to tell the organising team what you want to see at Nine Worlds in the future.

Getting around inside the venue

There are four convention areas within the hotel:

First Floor

Conference Centre - registration and pink fluffy Info Desk, Cremant, Mancy, Chalon, Reims, Epernay, Bouzy, Champagne bar, Black and white cafe, Tech HQ.

Hotel - lobby, bar and restaurant, Cognac (Nine Dice gaming lounge, Rusty Quill RPG corner, and kids area), terraces.

Mezzanine Floor

Pouilly, Muscadet (Screening Room), Alsace, Beaujolais, Bourg (Vendors Room). Volunteers HQ.

Second Floor

Bordeaux Suite, St Julien (Quiet Room), Mouton Cadet.

Getting Around/Food & Drink

If you know which of those areas you're going to, it's a good start. The fold-out schedule tells you which sessions are in which rooms, and shows them on a map so you can easily find where you need to be.

If you are able to use them, the escalators go to all the floors we're using, and they are likely to be the quickest route.

The small lift near the escalators also goes to all floors, but it's likely to be busy. Please don't use this lift unless you need to.

The stairs and the main bank of lifts (by the concierge on the ground floor, opposite hotel reception on the first floor, and near Bordeaux on the second floor) do not serve the mezzanine floor, but they are useful for accessing other floors.

If you need larger lift access to or from the mezzanine floor, please go to the info desk on the first floor, or ask a volunteer on the mezzanine. We have arranged access via the staff lift, which is the largest one with access to that floor.

Parking

To access the reduced Novotel parking rate of £1.50 per hour, you need to get your parking ticket validated at the hotel reception. You will need to show your convention badge to get this rate.

Food and drink

Only food and drink purchased on the premises may be consumed at the venue. This includes meeting rooms, breakout areas, public areas of the hotel, and the decking outside the hotel. We have worked very hard, with cooperation from the venue, to provide you

with a variety of options and price points for food and drink. Please help us by keeping this rule. The hotel can charge us corkage on food and drink brought in from outside. Of course we understand that you may want or need to eat offsite during the weekend. Luckily, Hammersmith is well provided with food outlets of every description.

Allergies and special diets

There is information on our website concerning allergies and special diets. In short, please talk to the hotel staff on site if you have any concerns. They are fully briefed and understand the importance of accurate information. Please note that the Novotel do not have segregated kitchens. If you have severe allergies, please make contact with us on arrival (via the info desk) and we will put you in touch with someone who can advise.

Hotel Food & Drink Outlets

Black & White Cloakroom Coffee Bar

Hot & Cold drinks & Snacks

Friday-Sunday: 09:00 - 16:00

Champagne Bar

Bar, hot drinks, fast food

Friday-Sunday: 12:00 - 02:00

Cognac (Kids, Gaming & Social Space)

Bar, hot drinks, cold food & snacks

Thursday: 18:00 - 00:00

Friday-Sunday: 10:00 - 00:00

Hotel Lounge Bar

Bar, Lounge Menu all day

Thursday-Friday: 07:00 - 01:00

Saturday-Sunday: 08:00 - 01:00

Hotel Aroma Restaurant

Breakfast Buffet (for residential hotel guests)

Food & Drink/Badge System

Thursday: 06:30 - 10:30 (peak 08:00 - 09:00)

Friday: 06:30 - 10:30 (peak 08:00 - 09:00)

Saturday: 06:30 - 10:30 (peak 08:00 - 09:00)

Sunday: 06:30 - 11:00 (peak 08:00 - 09:30)

2 Course Lunch buffet at £15 (discounted)

Friday-Sunday: 12:00 - 15:00

3 Course Dinner buffet at £18 (discounted)

Thursday-Sunday: 18:00 - 22:00

Hotel Artisan Grill

A la Carte menu lunch and dinner

Lunch

Thursday-Sunday: 12:00 - 14:30

Dinner

Thursday-Sunday: 17:30 - 22:30

Badge System

The badge is a tool to help communicate your identity, needs and preferences. You can collect and get help with the various systems at the registration and info desk. This year, all systems are contained in the one badge. Please take the time to note and respect these systems when you approach or engage with other attendees.

Communication preferences

You can place acetate overlays on your convention badge to indicate your communication preference, and change them as your preferences change:

- Blue with star - actively seeking communication.
- Yellow with triangle - you only want to talk to people you already know, or if you initiate communication.
- Red with circle - no communication, except in an emergency.

Pronouns

You can place a pronoun sticker at the top left of your badge wallet, to let people know which pronoun to use for you, be it zie, sie, hir, co, ey, they, she, he or anything else.

Priority access

You can place a priority access sticker at the top right of your badge, to let people know that you require priority seating.

Access Ally

You can place this sticker on the top right of your badge, to let people know that you don't have access needs, but are happy to offer help if requested, for example, assisting with moving a chair, giving up a priority access seat, etc.

Days of access

Badges can be for an individual day, or for the entire convention, and their designs and colours are different to make this more distinguishable.

Staff / Attendee / Guest

Staff badges are clearly marked as such, and some staff will also be wearing hi-vis. There is no difference between badges for speakers, guests or attendees as we do not have a hard distinction between these roles.

Rules/Codes of Conduct

Rules & stuff to note

1. Please wear your badge at all times, in plain sight. You need it to access convention spaces.
2. Bear in mind that we're a family-friendly event: there'll be kids around. Keep it PG-13.
3. We're not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, or for injuries sustained during the convention. We can offer sympathy though.
4. We reserve the right to ask attendees to leave the convention without refund if they are behaving inappropriately, including if they're excessively drunk.
5. Events and guests are subject to change and cancellation. We'll do our best to warn you, but sometimes changes will happen without notice. Please keep an eye on #nineworlds and the @London_Geekfest Twitter for up-to-date info.
6. No camping in convention spaces: folks found sleeping in public spaces will be asked to move on to their hotel rooms, or offsite.
7. We love photos, but please ask your subjects for their permission first: it's only polite. Some people will be wearing bright yellow no-photo lanyards - please do ensure you don't photograph them, even if they're in the background.
8. Under-16s must have an adult responsible for them at all times. Our kid-friendly sessions and kids area are intended for families to enjoy together: they're emphatically not a crèche. Please leave your phone number with your kid in case they get lost (we don't have an intercom), and bring lost kids to the Info Desk.

Code of conduct

We'd like Nine Worlds to be an enjoyable and

inclusive space for everyone involved, so we've asked all ticket holders to agree to abide by this code of conduct as a condition of their attending the convention.

We're taking this code very seriously - please do read it thoroughly. You can come to the Info Desk for help, or ask a volunteer wearing hi-vis, at any time during the convention. Be excellent to each other, and party on.

Anti-Harassment Policy

Nine Worlds is dedicated to providing a great convention experience for everyone, whatever their race, gender (including trans status), sexuality, disability, age, physical appearance, body size, or religion. For this reason, we will not tolerate any form of harassment of convention participants. Attendees found to be engaging in harassment may be sanctioned or expelled from the con without refund.

Harassment can include

- Offensive verbal comments about race, gender (including trans status), sexuality, impairment, physical appearance, body size, or religion
- Showing sexual imagery in public spaces. Discussion or images related to sex, pornography, discriminatory language or similar is welcome if it meets all of the following criteria:
 - (a) organisers have specifically granted permission in writing;
 - (b) it is necessary to the topic of discussion and no alternative exists;
 - (c) it is presented in a respectful manner, especially towards women, people of colour and LGBTQIA+ people;
 - (d) attendees are warned in advance in the programme and respectfully given ample warning and opportunity to leave

Rules/Codes of Conduct

beforehand. This exception does not allow use of unnecessarily gratuitous sexual images as attention-getting devices.

- Intimidation, both verbal and physical
- Stalking or following
- Photographing or recording someone without their permission
- Distributing photographs or recordings of someone without their permission
- Sustained disruption of talks or other events
- Uninvited physical contact
- Uninvited sexual attention

Participants asked to stop harassing behaviour must comply immediately.

Participants must not engage in harassment at any convention venues or convention-related social event, including Nine Worlds online spaces

What should I do if I am being harassed?

If you feel comfortable doing so, say 'no' or 'please leave me alone', or simply walk away. Even if the harassment stops at this point, we would appreciate it if a volunteer was still informed to help us identify any repeat offenders. If you do not feel comfortable interacting with the person harassing you, please contact a Nine Worlds volunteer for help.

If you continue to be harassed, or notice someone else being harassed, please visit the Info Desk, or contact a convention volunteer with hi-vis or a Staff badge. Our volunteers can help participants contact venue security or the police, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe during the con.

The first convention volunteer or organiser you report to will take whatever steps they can to assist you in feeling safe, and will put you in contact with or bring you to an appropriate staff member.

You do not have to give us details of any harassment, and can choose whether or not to report, either to us or to the police. If you wish to report, we will take details of the harassment and work with you to respond to the issue in a way that assists you in feeling safe and maintains the safety of the wider convention environment, as well as enforcing our anti-harassment policy. If you report a serious criminal matter, please be aware that we may be obliged to contact the police. We would however take into account any concerns you may have around involving them, and make you aware before any contact with the police was made.

If you would like to discuss the harassment without making a report, we also offer a listening service staffed by volunteers. Bear in mind that this is for informal emotional support only: our volunteers don't have counselling training, and we can't promise confidentiality. You can access the listening service by asking at the Info Desk for an on-call volunteer.

Racial harassment

As in wider society, racism permeates geek culture and geek spaces, making them less welcoming and safe for non-white people. At Nine Worlds we want to prioritise the voices of people who are often spoken over or erased in geek spaces, and make Nine Worlds as accessible as we can for people from racial backgrounds that are marginalised and subjected to racism. Harassment and racist

Codes of Conduct/Cosplay

behaviour non-white attendees of geek events talk about experiencing, which do not affect white attendees include:

- hearing overtly racist discussions or comments by other attendees
- white people critiquing a non-white person's cosplay without being asked to, or trying to dictate which characters a person of colour can cosplay
- being expected to be an authority on non-white characters in various shows or comics, without having mentioned an interest in the character or show in question
- being patronised, talked down to or otherwise assumed to be less knowledgeable about topics being discussed than white attendees, including having professional or academic credentials questioned
- being assumed not to belong in convention space and being overly challenged on their right to be there by both white attendees and security/police
- experiencing unwanted touching, exotification or verbal comments about their bodies or heritage that are specifically racialised

These sorts of behaviour and harassment against people of colour/non-white attendees will absolutely not be tolerated. If you are affected by racist harassment during the convention, please contact a volunteer, who will assist you in handling the situation. You do not have to give details of the harassment unless you want to, although if a serious incident has occurred, we may be legally required to contact the police. We would make you aware before any contact with the police was made and take into account any concerns you may have around involving them.

Costume and weapons policy

We love costumes at Nine Worlds, and are very much looking forward to seeing all your amazing cosplays! Please make sure you follow the costumes and weapons rules to keep things fun and safe for everyone, and be sure to show them off as part of the cosplay contest!

Costumes must abide by our anti-harassment policy - they must not be offensive on the grounds of gender, sexuality, disability, physical appearance, body size, race or religion. This includes t-shirt slogans. We decide what's offensive: please don't debate with staff.

We're a family-friendly event, with kids running around. Please keep it PG-13: no nudity, no excessive PDA, and don't dress in overtly sexualised costumes. Please also be mindful of how gory or scary your costumes are, and don't go around deliberately scaring kids.

Weapons Policy

1. No real weapons.
2. All weapons must look fake from at least three metres away.
3. Absolutely no weapons that look like real guns: the police will take potential threats very seriously. As a guideline: the more costumed-up you are, the more forgiving hotel security will be regarding fake firearms. Stormtroopers with blasters: awesome! Street clothes with a black plastic toy pistol: problem.
4. No metal bladed weapons. Non-metal bladed weapons should be blunt.
5. Absolutely no explosives: including, but not limited to, smoke powder, sparklers, and fireworks.
6. Any weapons that look like they could possibly be dangerous in any way must be peace-bonded at info desk.

Photography Policy/Security

7. Don't aim weapons at people without their consent. If you're posing for a photo, try aiming them skywards.
8. Don't fire loaded, functioning projectile weapons outside of event-organised weapon-play sessions - this includes NERF guns, water pistols, silly-string guns, ping-pong pistols and more.
9. No play-fighting with prop weapons outside of event-organised weapon-play sessions.

Photography policy

Please ask your subjects for their permission first: it's only polite. Some people will be wearing bright yellow no-photo lanyards - please do ensure you don't photograph them, even if they're in the background.

Attendees

We'll be taking lots of photos at the event, including crowd shots, which we'll be using for publicity. If you don't want to be photographed, please swap your lanyard for a bright yellow no-photo lanyard at the Registration Desk or an Info Desk, and wear it.

Photographers

Please ask your subjects for their permission first: it's only polite. Some people will be wearing bright yellow no-photo lanyards - please ensure you don't photograph them, even if they're in the background.

Cosplay contest

All attendees will get five "awesome cosplay!" tokens included in their goody bags. Please give a token to someone whose cosplay you like!

If you collect more than fifteen tokens, you've won a prize! Come to the Info Desk anytime, and exchange your tokens for a prize.

Also, kids in cosplay (all under 12s, plus under 16s who self-identify as kids for the purposes of this contest) get a prize simply for cosplaying. Just come to the Info Desk with your adult, in your cosplay.

Security

Security concerns are heightened at the moment. Please don't leave anything lying around unattended. We don't want to have to waste convention time on unnecessarily evacuating the building.

If you do see anything unattended, please inform any Nine Worlds volunteer or Novotel staff member. We'll take it from there.

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Vendors/Dictionary Corner

Vendors

Almost all vendors are in the Bourg Vendor Hall on the mezzanine floor, except the official bookseller and signings desk in the black and white landing on the mezzanine, and the Stickman Communications stall by the quiet room on Saturday. Please support our vendors and buy All The Things.

Signings

Signings will take place at the Big Green Books tables on the mezzanine landing. Look out for names and times on our social media and at the Big Green Books table.

Opening Hours

Bourg will be open as follows:

Friday	13.00-18.00
Saturday	10.00-18.00
Sunday	10.00-16.00

The vendors in the convention space will follow a similar pattern.

Pop-Up Market

There will be a pop-up market for additional vendors and artists in Chalon on Saturday afternoon 15:15-18:00.

Vendors List

We have many and varied vendors joining us this year, here is a list of who we have and what they sell.

Big Green Bookshop Books

Beastly Beverages Other crafts

Birch, Please! Jewellery

Diverse Kids Books

Elsewhen Press Books

Geek Stitch Other crafts

Genki gear Ltd Clothes

Guardbridge Books Books, Jewellery

Indie Books Stall Books

Jess Taylor Illustration Art, Jewellery, Comics

Koroula SF/BOOKS Books

Lil Fimo Keyrings Jewellery, Other crafts

Morag Hickman Jewellery, Other crafts

Rebellion Publishing Ltd Books

Reesha's Beads Jewellery

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Dictionary Corner

Geek Dictionary Corner is back at Nine Worlds for a fifth year, and Cie from Oxford Dictionaries is keen to collect a new crop of your suggestions. Your input has helped get Mary Sue, meeple, Mx, and mansplain into the dictionary – and that's just in M (milkshake duck hasn't made the cut yet ...).

Just heard a new word in a panel? Been using a term for ages and fed up with it not being recorded? Got a comment on one of our definitions or pronunciations? Please visit the stand or tweet [@CieSangster](#), [@OED](#), or [@OxfordWords](#), using [#geekdictionarycorner](#), thank you!

Schedule: Thursday/Friday

Thursday

20:00: Ice Breaker Quiz

The now traditional ice breaker quiz. What's that cracking noise, is it the ice breaking?

Duration: 120

Location: Cognac - Lounge

Jane Hanmer

20:00: Cheese and Cheese

Starting off the con as we mean to go on! Join us for the Cheese (words/music) and Cheese (literal) social! Sponsored by Richardson and Richardson.

Duration: 120

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Jenny Williamson

Friday

10:00: Historical Accuracy In Costume For Film/TV

How important is historical accuracy in costume for world-building/characterisation? Do modern period dramas do a better/worse job than in the past?

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Gavia Baker-Whitelaw, Elly Platt, Katherine Fabian, EK McAlpine, Lizzie Biscuits

10:00: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing into cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 60

Location: Pouilly

10:00: Workshop: Structure in fanfiction

Practical workshop on beginning your fic, finding the ending, and all the messy stuff in the middle.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Emma Thompson

10:00: Steven Universe Singalong

Sing along with all of the classic Steven Universe songs such as Strong in the Real Way, Comet and Stronger Than You!

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Ms Misha Anker

10:00: How to go to your first UK LARP

Looking to try out a live-action roleplaying event but don't know where to start? This panel will help!

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Mx David Proctor FRGS, Mx RA Madgwick, Penny Jackson, Adam Dinwoodie, Mr Mark Pinnock

10:00: The Way You Make Me Feel

This panel will look at the techniques that authors use to stir up an emotional response from their readers.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Angela Cleland, Ms Roz Kaveney

10:00: Writing What You Know

A discussion on writing SFF by fanfic and professional authors who will discuss the advice to 'write what you know,' and how this and other types of writing advice might apply - or not - in SFF writing.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Sarah Groenewegen BEM

10:00: Education at Hogwarts

Are wizards and witches prepared for life beyond Hogwarts? Do they need to learn more math and science beyond primary school? Find out in this panel.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Schedule: Friday

*E Charlton, Elizabeth Charlton, Freya Crawford,
Claire Rousseau*

10:00: Not So Stories

Not So Stories Panel - authors discussing post-colonial literature, diversity and re-claiming 'own stories'.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Remy Njambi

10:00: Mental Health Representation Roundtable

A roundtable discussion on how mental health is handled in fictional media.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Jaime Starr

11:00: Nine Dice Games Lounge

The Nine Dice Games Lounge returns, with a huge host of games for everybody. We'll lend you games, we'll teach, we'll help pick, we'll get you playing

Duration: 450

Location: Cognac - Lounge

11:45: Crafters Unite - a craft meetup

A craft space for any and all crafters to get together for a chat, to show off their work and bring and swap supplies.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Miss Judith Taylor

11:45: The Hamilton Phenomenon

How did Hamilton blow up, why do people love it, what does it mean for theatre more widely? Is its context in London very different to in the US?

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Emily January, Russell A Smith

11:45: Teen Hangout

A teen only chill out space with games & comics.

Duration: 480

Location: Pouilly

Jaime Starr

11:45: The Nine Worlds Fountain Pen Meetup

Whether you're new to fountain pens or a seasoned expert, this is the place to be! Come and socialise around inks and fountain pens.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Aliette de Bodard

11:45: Ace Representation

A panel discussing how asexuals are portrayed in media (when they are).

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Jessica Meats

11:45: How Do Swords Work?

A discussion on historical martial arts and their uses in fantasy.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Mr Christian (Miles) Cameron

11:45: Putting The Punk back into Cyberpunk

Looking at the genre/setting of cyberpunk, and how it can be reclaimed to tell more interesting stories.

Duration: 60

Location: Eprenay

Jade Rose, Maki Yamazaki, Gavia Baker-Whitelaw

11:45: The only toilet in Thedas: practical

Schedule: Friday

considerations in fantasy worlds

This panel discusses the place of the mundane in fantasy settings.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Dr Ro Smith, Kieron Gillen, Sarah Gordon, Phil Dyson

11:45: Cats in fantasy and science fiction

Is there any relationship to real cats?

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Mx Laura Campbell, Nickey Barnard, Arthur Boff

11:45: Sexuality in Bioware

Sexuality in Bioware video games, including Dragon Age and Mass Effect.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Avery Delany, Emily Marlow

11:45: Toxicity in Fandom: 2

We've formed a new panel, with different voices, to tackle this subject again.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Ollie

11:45: "Overfond of the comforts of home"

An analysis and breakdown of the problems in English fantasy fiction's centring of white middle-class comfort as the moral ideal.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Jesse Panic

13:00: RPG Corner: Monsterhearts

A game about the messy lives of teenage monsters and coming to terms with what you are.

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Helen Gould

13:00: Vendors

Be sure to get yourself some awesome loot from your weekend with our varied vendors stalls.

Duration: 300

Location: Bourg

13:30: Gamify your life

Using a geek mindset to win at life.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Mr Robin Bates

13:30: Get Edited

A BAFTA-award winning writer (and some guy that edits books) help you turn your summaries and plots into fully fledged novels.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Red Pen For Hire Nick Hembery, Debbie Moon

13:30: The Ghost in the Machine: the work of Nigel Kneale

A panel about Nigel Kneale's work and influence on Hammer Horror and tv sci-fi (including Doctor Who) and horror programmes.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Mr Al Robertson, Ms Olwen Lachowicz, Dr Tony

Keen, Fiona Moore

13:30: Rodents in children's fantasy fiction

Kid-Friendly

The panel will explore why rodents are still so popular in children's fiction.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Ms Alison Baker, Jenny Williamson

13:30: BSL for geeks

BSL for geeks, all the things you really want to

Schedule: Friday

know, in sign :-)

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Mr Howard Hardiman

13:30: Women in Sports Fandoms

Examining women's participation in sports fandom - both in terms of negotiating our own spaces in it, and how we interact with the male side of fandom

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Clare Brennan, Emma Thompson, Jessie Holder, Jennifer Menges

13:30: Black & POC Geeks Meetup *POC Only*

Come hang out with your fellow geeks of colour. We expressly welcome Black and POC LGBTQIA+ folk, as well as mixed race people.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalons

Tara Brown

13:30: Know Your Enemy

What makes a villain compelling? Should they be complex and relatable, or flatly evil? And how do you best create one?

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Mr Mike Brooks, Adrian Tchaikovsky, Jeannette Ng, Ms Anna Stephens

13:30: Fit is a Feminist Issue - the return!

This panel will introduce the concepts and the science behind Health At Every Size (HAES) and Fat Acceptance (FA) and discuss shared experiences.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Jo Smith, Amy Collins

13:30: So you want to create a twitch channel

Learn how to create your own Twitch channel.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Kitty Keighley

15:00: RPG Corner: Honey Heist *13+*

Two Things – One: You have a complex plan that requires precise timing. Two: You are a GOD-DAMN BEAR.

Duration: 180

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Grant Howitt

15:15: 'Everybody hates moral philosophers': The ethics of The Good Place

The Good Place brilliantly explores ethics in a setting where the characters are already dead & have been judged. But how moral is the Good Place?

Duration: 60

Location: Nancy

Dr Ro Smith

15:15: Kids Fandom Party *Kid-Friendly*

Come and join us for cake and juice and talk with other kids about your favourite book series, superheroes or collectible toys.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Jaime Starr, Ollie, Katherine Catchpole

15:15: Nine At Nine Worlds: 'I did it for the fic'

Nine people will each spend five minutes or so telling us about the maddest, saddest, funniest, daftest or most life-enhancing thing they've done for fandom.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Tanya Brown, Tlanti, Dr Nina Lübbren, Emma

Schedule: Friday

Thompson, Elizabeth Reiff, Ms Misha Anker, Dr Tony Keen

15:15: Worlds Encased in YA: Fantasy and Beyond

A look at speculative YA fiction, including, but not limited to, fantasy.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Lady Adeline Grey

15:15: Yarn Crafts Skillshare

A yarn-crafts skillshare - a meet-up with a specific emphasis on teaching and exchanging skills.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Hauke G

15:15: Music and Geek Culture: from Ash to Zep

A look at the links between music and geekery.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Adam Williams

15:15: Why does no-one remember the Animorphs?

An examination of the childrens-literature phenomenon, and a more general discussion of what makes things "sticky" in the nerdy popular consciousness.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Mr Michael Duxbury, Emily Savidge

15:15: Racing in Fiction

This panel discusses high-speed sports in a fictional setting and sense.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Rachel Clarke, Phil Cowhig, Mr Martin Wisse, Ms Anna Stephens

15:15: How to run D&D sessions for youngsters

How to run D&D sessions for a group of young people who are just learning the game, and create a great beginner experience.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Elizabeth Prais

17:00: Problematic aspects of historical genre fiction: what do we do about it?

Discussing the -isms of early sci-fi & horror writing, and whether it's possible to engage with the genre despite these problems.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Ms Olwen Lachowicz, Ms Ginger Lee Thomason, Jeannette Ng, Douglas Kohler

17:00: RPG Corner: Dusk City Outlaws

13+
In the city of New Dunhaven, those on the wrong side of the law are the Right Kind of People.

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Anil Godigamuwe

17:00: English Paper Piecing Patchwork Workshop

A workshop for people to try their hand at paper piecing patchwork.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Miss Laura Beard

17:00: Coaching for Change: Geek Edition

Coach Hannah White will take you through some techniques to help you (or your characters!) progress towards your goals.

Duration: 60

Schedule: Friday

Location: Alsace
Ms Hannah White

17:00: Online Resources For Writers

A discussion of various websites and online resources that can be useful for writers

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Jessica Meats

17:00: The only way is indie

A panel discussion featuring independent publishers on why we're seeing the resurgence of indie presses.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Mr George Sandison, Sarah Gordon, Sandra Lindsey

17:00: Positive images of trans figures in fiction

A talk on positive images of trans figures in fiction.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Penny Ellis

17:00: Captain Awkward social

Captain Awkward meet up

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Kate Towner

17:00: Disney Singalong

Join us for some more singalong fun, this time, its Disney! Bringing you your favourite tunes, some music and some joy; you just bring your singing!

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Ms Misha Anker

17:00: Game Studies in the UK

A panel discussing how to study video games

within the UK.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Emily Marlow

17:00: Ready Steady Improvise!

An improvised play reading. You've never seen the script before, and neither have the cast!

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Mr Tim Knight

17:00: Assimilation and Identity in Star Trek

A look at colonisation, assimilation & moral superiority in the Federation using Worf & Nog as examples of assimilation presented as the ideal.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Jaime Starr

18:45: Alcohol-free, semi-quiet social space

Duration: 270

Location: Beaujolais

18:45: Fandom outside the English language

Coming into and navigating fandom in non-English-speaking spaces and countries, or as a second-language speaker of English

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Claire Rousseau, C  n Cennau

18:45: 'Oh, brilliant.' Anticipating the Thirteenth Doctor *Kid-Friendly*

The panel looks ahead at what they're most excited about seeing for Jodie Whittaker's long-awaited Thirteenth Doctor.

Duration: 60

Schedule: Friday

Location: Bouzy

Amy such heights, Ms Iona Datt Sharma

18:45: World building from the ground up - Earth Science and Architecture

From the bedrock to the buildings, a discussion and workshop on world building with an earth scientist and an architect - bring along your world in progress!

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Ms Amy Butt, Miss Amy Brennan

18:45: Trapped in TV tropes: female characters and constraint

This structured panel will discuss the limitations placed on female characters in genre television including Jessica Jones, The Crown, Orphan Black.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Dr Catherine (Cie) Sangster, Dr Steph Rennick, Helen Gould, Jo Smith

18:45: Social space

You are welcome to use this space to meet and chat, eat and drink, or just take a break away from the programme for a while.

Duration: 435

Location: Chalon

18:45: Policy and Administration - celebrating the back room in genre

Administration and governance in other worlds.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Ms Alison Baker, Caroline Mersey, Kate Towner, Virginia Preston

18:45: 25 Stories

This Edinburgh Fringe hit comes to Nine Worlds for a very special reprisal.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Mr Alex Watts

18:45: Psychology in video games; focusing on the Persona series

This talk will focus on psychology in the Persona games series, which are all about the exploration of our subconscious and its manifestations.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Alexsander Cristea

19:00: RPG Corner: Good Society 13+

Navigate the pitfalls of romance, reputation, manners and maybe even... marriage?

Duration: 180

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Sasha Sienna

20:30: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing out of cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 60

Location: Pouilly

20:30: Beyond Night Vale: The World of Audio Drama Podcasts

All caught up on your podcasts and don't know what to listen to next? We can help!

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Hauke G, Dr Charlotte Geater, Caroline Mersey

20:30: Knightmare Live

Knightmare Live is the critically acclaimed stage show version of the 90's Kids TV classic.

Duration: 105

Location: Cremant

Ms Misha Anker

Schedule: Friday

20:30: Problemagic: sexism and cultural appropriation in conjuring *PG*

From the glamorous mutilation of women to Asian stereotypes used as characters, this talk dissects problematic themes in magic, both past and present.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Stacy Smith MMC, Jesse Panic

20:30: Letter of Last Resort

Guy Kelly's terrifying comedy about mental health and narrowly avoiding nuclear war.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Guy Kelly

20:30: Original Poetry Open Mic

Come and read your own poetry, or just relax and listen.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Ria Farrell

22:15: From A/B/O to Dubious Consentacles *18+*

This roundtable will aim to be a shame-free exploration of our favourite 'out there' tropes in NSFW fic. Why they appeal, which ones we love and why.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Jaime Starr, Januarium

22:15: Nine Worlds does Disco!

Join some familiar faces on the dance floor, as they step away from their usual roles and behind the decks to bring you disco tunes, all the way to bedtime.

Duration: 225

Location: Cremant

Kieron Gillen

22:15: Vid Me Up, Scotty: A Star Trek Vidshow

A collection of fan-made music videos, featuring the latest hits and some old favourites across all flavours and incarnations of the Star Trek franchise.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

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22:15: Dr Magnethands (1)

Returning to Nineworlds once more, it's the drunken improvised adventure, Dr Magnethands!

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Grant Howitt

22:15: 'Fear in a Handful of Dust': Stephen King's The Dark Tower as a Modernist Wasteland of Culture

King's Magnum Opus is intensely influenced by the modernist literary movement, not only in the explicit references, but also in structure and theme.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Dr Ro Smith

23:00: RPG Corner: Lovecraftesque

A GMless storytelling game of brooding cosmic horror on the Cognac balcony.

Duration: 120

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Jonathan Sims

Saturday

09:00: Internet of (all the) Things

Going beyond smart home devices, we investigate the future of this technology and how it could radically change entire industries.

Schedule: Friday/Saturday

Duration: 45

Location: Nancy
Mr Guy Garrud MSci

09:00: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing into cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 45

Location: Pouilly

09:00: 'Suffering Sappho! Something's happened to the reception!' Sappho, fan art and the (re)making of a Lesbian heroine

A paper on the visual presentation of Sappho in Wonder Woman and other examples from pop culture.

Duration: 45

Location: Bouzy
Harriet Lander

09:00: Alchemy and Chemistry in SF/Fantasy

Star Trek's dilithium, Superman's kryptonite; the place of chemistry (and its predecessors) in fiction.

Duration: 45

Location: Epernay
Penny Ellis

09:00: Dressing for Dystopia - what should you wear for the end of the world?

A talk about the costume design for dystopian films and TV shows, from The Walking Dead to Mad Max Fury Road to put together an apocalypse-proof outfit.

Duration: 45

Location: Reims
Elly Platt

09:00: Podcasting on a Shoestring

Want to start a podcast? Spindles takes you through the process, right up to releasing your

content into the wild.

Duration: 45

Location: Cremant
Mr Simon Potthast

09:00: Takarazuka : an introduction

A presentation of several songs/numbers from musicals performed by the Takarazuka Revue all-female theatrical company

Duration: 45

Location: Muscadet
Genevieve Cogman

09:00: Digital Storytelling and the Ludo-Gothic

This paper explores Gothic themes in the BAFTA award-winning game Night in the Woods, a self-proclaimed example of 'rust belt Gothic'.

Duration: 45

Location: Bordeaux Suite
Dr Ewan Kirkland

09:00: Norse Fantasy

A discussion/lecture on the rise of the Norse Fantasy genre in books

Duration: 45

Location: Mouton Cadet
Mrs Rebecca Hill

10:00: The MMORPG Show

The MMORPG show combines improvised comedy and table top gaming in an epic, sprawling, open world adventure, decided by members of the audience.

Duration: 60

Location: Nancy
Ms Misha Anker

10:00: Building Fan Spaces

Exploring the ways fan spaces have developed and might develop in the future.

Schedule: Saturday

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Jen Peake

10:00: How Do You Wanna Do This?

A Critical Look at Critical Role - a show where a bunch of nerdy ass voice actors play Dungeons & Dragons.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Jade Rose

10:00: Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Appreciation

Come hear us talk about why we love Cursed Child; its plot, characters, themes, and relationship with the books.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Emily January, Ms Becky Austin, Powder Scofield, Gillian Brown, Neth Dugan

10:00: Polar Horror: Fact and Fiction

In this talk, Gavia Baker-Whitelaw and Ally Wilkes discuss some of their favorite stories from the great white darkness.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Gavia Baker-Whitelaw, Ms Ally Wilkes

10:00: Storytelling in VR

How would narratives be told in Virtual Reality? We discuss the potential of this new medium.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Grace Knight, Mr Simon Potthast, Phil Dyson, Vanessa Thompson

10:00: Swordpunk Session I (Ticketed event)

A one hour introduction to medieval swordsmanship.

Note that you will need to have bought a Swordpunk workshop ticket to attend this event.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Dan Smith

10:00: Who is Wakandan? Representation in Black Panther

On this panel, we'll be discussing the importance of Black Panther, who and what is represented, and what it is missing.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Helen Gould, Russell A Smith, Jade Leamcharaskul, Zarich Catlin-Hallett, Dr Tade Thompson

10:00: Saturday Morning Cartoons Volume Three *Kid-Friendly*

A cartoon screening session. PJ Masks: Catboy and Gekko's Robot Rampage, My Little Pony: Dragonshy, and LEGO Marvel Superheroes: Avengers Reassembled.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Jaime Starr, Ollie

10:00: The History of Women's Military SF

Looking at women's military SF in historical context. We will cover women writing SF in the 1970s and 1980s to the present.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Fiona Moore, Sarah Groenewegen BEM

10:00: The Real House Lives of Westeros

EK McAlpine explores real life (& mythical) historical parallels found in A Song of Ice and Fire. Note: session contains discussions of violence.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

EK McAlpine

Schedule: Saturday

10:00: Vendors

Be sure to get yourself some awesome loot from your weekend with our varied vendors stalls.

Duration: 480

Location: Bourg

11:00: RPG Corner: Toon

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Ross Barlow

11:00: Nine Dice Games Lounge

The Nine Dice Games Lounge returns, with a huge host of games that everybody can learn and play.

Duration: 450

Location: Cognac - Lounge

11:45: TOP OF THE SFF COPS

They're back. This year, our panel will discuss the best copper-like cops in SFF.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Caroline Mersey, Miss Laura Manuel, Sarah Groenewegen BEM, Sarah Groenewegen BEM

11:45: Teen Hangout

A teen only chill out space with games & comics.

Duration: 480

Location: Pouilly

Jaime Starr

11:45: First Page is the Deepest

Bring along the blurb and opening page of your projects to be edited and critiqued by two professional editors.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Red Pen For Hire Nick Hembery, Dan Coxon

11:45: Orphan Black

Orphan Black finished in 2017. It still has a passionate fandom, and it's sci-fi that's all about female bodily autonomy. Let's talk about it!

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Ms Becky Austin

11:45: Heroic Music in Movies and Gaming

Video game music composer Jade Leamcharaskul leads a conversation on some of the great musical scores in modern media.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Jade Leamcharaskul, Clouds Haberberg, Mr Simon Potthast

11:45: Mass Effect and Philosophy

An in-depth look at the Mass Effect series of games, through a philosophical lens.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Dr Steph Rennick, Mr Michael Duxbury

11:45: Making Professional Wrestling More Inclusive

A panel on how fans, wrestlers and promotions can help to make sure everyone feels welcome at events and the fandom in general.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Ms Olwen Lachowicz, Russell A Smith, Kayla MacQuarrie, Miss Rhia O'Reilly, Lauren Carnall

11:45: Swordpunk Session 2 (Ticketed event)

A one hour introduction to medieval swordsmanship.

Note that you will need to have bought a Swordpunk workshop ticket to attend this event.

Schedule: Saturday

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Dan Smith

11:45: Classical Reception in Xena:Warrior Princess and Hercules:The Legendary Journeys

Classicists unpick the wild, weird, and wonderful workings of classical antiquity in Hercules:The Legendary Journeys and Xena:Warrior Princess.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Nick Lowe, Dr Liz Gloyn, Dr Juliette Harrison

11:45: Sign Song Workshop II: Sign harder.

Kid Friendly

A workshop where I will teach a geeky song in BSL. No previous signing experience required; open to all.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Haplocke Sixpence

11:45:Transracial Characters- Michael Burnham, Aragorn, Mako Maori

A panel looking at transracial characters - in the original sense of the word. Not the appropriate racist sense.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

11:45:Visual Poetry Workshop

Workshop focused around visual poetry - calligrams, illustrated poetry, concrete poetry and so on.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Angela Cleland

13:00: RPG Corner: Deadlands Hell on Earth 15+

Strap on as many belts as your torso can take,

'cause it's time to take back the wasteland!

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Jonathan Sims

13:30:FTL:The Bedrock of your favourite Sci-Fi Setting

A talk on the tech that falls under the banner of "FTL" (Faster Than Light) and its setting in Sci-Fi, and how to create your own FTL system.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

13:30:Writing in Circular Galifreyan

Kid-Friendly

Writing in Circular Galifreyan - the fictional language in Doctor Who. Child friendly, but compasses will be used so unsuitable for younger children.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Imogen Rush

13:30:Queer Characters in Anime 18+

Audience Q&A with three anime enthusiasts, focusing on queer characters. No prior knowledge required.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Jen Peake, Zoe Burgess-Foreman, Gianni Ceccarelli

13:30: Let The Past Die: Sacrificing Sacred Cows in Star Wars The Last Jedi

The Last Jedi divided Star Wars fans - but what's the message? A panel exploring the theme of sacrifice at both a narrative and metatextual level.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Mr Michael Duxbury, Avery Delany, Gabriel Petersen, Gavia Baker-Whitelaw

13:30: Diversity in Heavy Metal Music

Schedule: Saturday

Scenes

The idea of this panel is to convene with some resurgent metal minority voices and take stock of where we are.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Clouds Haberberg, Amanda DiGioia, Vivi Xie, Mr Tim Knight,

13:30: This IS your grandmother's knitting

A talk on historical knitting in the 20th century, why it's awesome and how it's related to modern knitting.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Barbara Barrett

13:30: Swordpunk Session 3 (Ticketed event)

A one hour introduction to medieval swordsmanship.

Note that you will need to have bought a Swordpunk workshop ticket to attend this event.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Dan Smith

13:30: What's the Worst That Could Happen?

A whole lot of shiny: More lessons learned from 6 years of teaching Nine Worlds & other conventions. Strobe lighting and theatrical haze may be used.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Jay Gainsford, Nene Tech Goddess

13:30: Original Fiction for Fanfic Readers

Recommendations of lots of short stories, mostly available free online, which will appeal to fanfic readers! For your h/c, romantic, and gen

needs...

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Dr Charlotte Geater, Kate Keen, Cynthia So

13:30: Fiendish Dr Will's School for the Ungifted

There have been some truly terrible comic characters over the years. Come and see how our panellists respond to some of them.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Will Catlin-Hallett, Zarich Catlin-Hallett, Vanessa Thompsett, Michelle Lally, Andy Poulastides

13:30: Dangerously attractive foreign witches in British children's fantasy fiction

Veelas in Harry Potter and witches in His Dark Materials are presented as seductive and dangerous. This panel discusses how they are exoticised.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Ms Alison Baker

15:00: RPG Corner: The Witch is Dead

15+

The witch hunter has retreated to the village, the coward. Get him!

Duration: 180

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Reiley Daniels

15:15: Whedon Sing-a-long 6!

Back by popular demand!

Duration: 60

Location: Nancy

James Webb

15:15: Time Travel III

The third annual time travel talk.

Duration: 45

Location: Bordeaux

Schedule: Saturday

Dr Steph Rennick

15:15: Act Up! Activism For Kids *Kid-Friendly*

We'll look at some equal rights campaigns and campaigners from around the world, talk about human rights, protests, democracy & why they're important.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Jaime Starr

15:15: Representation in dating sim games: Dream Daddy to Dragon Age

A panel discussion on just how inclusive dating sim games (e.g. Dream Daddy) really are. And are other games, like Dragon Age, just dating sims with fighting?

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Angie Wenham, Avery Delany

15:15: Costume Design in Game of Thrones

A discussion of the use of costume design in Game of Thrones.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

EK McAlpine, Felicity Keane, Zarich Catlin-Hallett

15:15: 'We Are Living in the Past's Futures'

Bladerunner's original Nexus 6 replicants all came on line in 2016; 1980's dystopia The Running Man was set in a US police state in 2017; etc, etc.

Duration: 60

Location: Epervay

Sarah Groenewegen BEM, Sarah Groenewegen BEM

15:15: Dimensional difference in language

An exploration of 3D, 2D, and 1D expressions of language.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Haplocke Sixpence

15:15: Pop-Up Market

The pop-up market is a space for attendees and artists to show off and sell their goods. Join us in Chalon for a variety of goods and artwork.

Duration: 165

Location: Chalon

15:15: Where next for Afrofuturism? Discussing the legacy of Black Panther.

This panel discusses the impact of Black Panther, and looks at the ongoing renaissance of Afrofuturism.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Chella Ramanan, Mr Adam Campbell, Mr Patrick Vernon

15:15: Models for Handling Consent in LARP *18+*

When setting up a larp, what systems do we put in place to handle consent? We'll draw on experience from UK, Continental and international larp.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Mx David Proctor FRGS, Jessie Holder, Kol Ford, Douglas Kohler, Mx Rei England

15:15: Hitchcock's early endings

Hitchcock's early endings: examining the surprise deaths and repeats in hitchcock films.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Vanessa Thompsett

17:00: RPG Corner: Murder Express *13+*

Murder is afoot and everyone's a suspect. Lucky for the victim, you're on the case.

Duration: 240

Schedule: Saturday

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Sasha Sienna

17:00: Parenting Against the Patriarchy

This facilitated workshop is for anyone interested in discussing their experiences of and ideas about resisting sexism when raising children.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Dr Catherine (Cie) Sangster, Elizabeth Lovegrove

17:00: The Politics of Activism in Marvel Comics

Whosteps up when the Avengers & X-Men's work falls short? We'll look at directaction activists who agitate for the little guy like Magneto and the Champions.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Jaime Starr, Kieron Gillen

17:00: Black Sails: an intersectional look at sexuality and queer representation

Discussing Black Sails' depiction of queer sexuality, the overlap between canon and fanfic, and subverting contemporary audiences' expectations.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Ms Ally Wilkes, Gavia Baker-Whitelaw, Cynthia So

17:00: Getting your foot in the door of the TV/film industry

A chance to hear from people who have careers in TV/radio/film and are therefore able to give advice on how to break in.

Duration: 60

Location: Eprenay

Grace Knight, Debbie Moon, Ms Mel Melcer

17:00: Videogames and Mental Health: How to Stop Worrying and Find the Cake

Anxiety & depression in the geek community - why do we seem more prone to these responses? How can we avoid them? What coping strategies can be used?

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Mr Robin Bates, Vanessa Thompsett

17:00: How to keep making things when the world is on fire

Tips for sustainable content creation: a discussion on strategies and processes to help make content creation emotionally sustainable for creators.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Claire Rousseau, Alix Penn

17:00: The Female Gaze

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Fiona Moore, Ms Olwen Lachowicz, Ms Ginger Lee Thomason, Ms Alex (AJ) Campbell

17:00: Brain of Knitain

A fiendishly difficult but slightly silly quiz with a broad crafty theme (and plenty of general nerdery rounds). Win yarn and other prizes!

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Ria Farrell

18:45: Alcohol-free, semi-quiet social space

Duration: 270

Location: Beaujolais

18:45: Cops and Monsters

This panel will introduce supernatural indie webseries Cops and Monsters to a Nine Worlds audience.

Duration: 60

Schedule: Saturday

Location: Alsace
Debbie Moon

18:45: Social space

You are welcome to use this space to meet and chat, eat and drink, or just take a break away from the programme for a while.

Duration: 435

Location: Chalon

18:45: Bifröst Cabaret

The Bifröst Cabaret returns with more fun, frolics and mayhem than ever before

Duration: 105

Location: Cremant

Mr Alex Watts

18:45: The Problem With Apu

This is a screening of a documentary looking into the depiction of Apu from the Simpsons, and how it might have perpetuated problematic stereotypes.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Tara Brown

18:45: Disability and Fandom

One disabled geek's systematic approach to understanding what it means to engage with fandom as a disabled person.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Alix Penn

19:00: RPG Corner: Paranoia 13+

Remember: traitors are EVERYWHERE and happiness is mandatory!

Duration: 180

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Jonathan Sims

20:30: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing out of cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 60

Location: Pouilly

20:30: Inside The Minds Of Horror: A Director Q&A

Hear from film Directors Emma Dark, Scott Lyus and Andy Collier on film making and the horror genre then have the chance to ask your burning questions!

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Marcus Wood, Andy Collier, Emmar Dark, Scott Lyus

20:30: Dr Magnethands (2)

Returning to Nineworlds once more, it's the drunken improvised adventure, Dr Magnethands!

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Grant Howitt

20:30: When Geopolitics Gets Three-Dimensional: The Politics of Space

What will the sources of tension be, as more and more satellites of various types are launched into orbit by more and more nations and organisations?

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Mr Lars Backstrom

21:30: Bifröst Disco

The Bifröst Disco returns with more fun, frolics and mayhem than ever before

Duration: 270

Location: Cremant

Mr Mike Brooks

22:15: BSL for geeks - After Dark! 18+

BSL for geeks, a second version after the water-

Schedule: Saturday/Sunday

shed

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Mr Howard Hardiman

22:15: Sex at Hogwarts /18+

We explore what sex education would be like at Hogwarts, and how the professors, ghosts, and Peeves might be spending their evenings.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Harriet Ellis

22:15: Spaceflight

Interested in chatting about the recent developments in space technology? Come to this panel!

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Jenny Scott-Thompson, Jenny Scott-Thompson, Andy Poulastides, Andy Poulastides

22:15: Atypical approaches to horror in tabletop roleplaying

A talk on using atypical approaches to horror in tabletop roleplaying for both GMs and Writers

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Benjamin Wenham

Sunday

09:00: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing into cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 45

Location: Pouilly

09:00: The current state of Tolkien fanfic & fanart fandom

A discussion about the current state of Tolkien fanfic & fanart fandom, including The Hobbit, LOTR, and The Silmarillion.

Duration: 45

Location: Beaujolais

Elizabeth Reiff

09:00: The Queer and the Eerie: Supernatural Horror and Queer Monstrosity

This talk seeks to explore both horror/sci-fi/fantasy fiction and queer theory in relation to weird realism and dark philosophy.

Duration: 45

Location: Alsace

Lexi Turner

09:00: How to design your alien/monster from the ground up

Interested in xenobiology? A veterinary surgeon uses anatomy and physiology to guide audiences on how to create a believable alien race.

Duration: 45

Location: Bouzy

Dr Rachel Thomas

09:00: Using the Social Model of Disability to inform (Iarp) Game Design

The importance of up to date ideas around disability, and how we can use the lessons they teach us to improve live action game design

Duration: 45

Location: Epervain

Ms Emma Round

09:00: AIs and Superintelligences – Are they really coming for us?

What would AIs and superintelligences look like in real life? We look to examples from science fiction for clues.

Duration: 45

Location: Reims

Phil Cowhig

09:00: Mindful Movement Workshop with Rachel Sparks Dance

Ease into your Sunday morning with a light

Schedule: Sunday

exploration of how we move with others. This workshop is paid, on a 'pay what you can afford' basis.

Duration: 45

Location: Cremant

Rachel Sparks

09:00: "Death is Chasing You: An Apologia for the Zombie Apocalypse Novel as Existential Literature"

Death is Chasing You: An Apologia for the Zombie Apocalypse Novel as Existential Literature

Duration: 45

Location: Muscadet

Michael Stephen Fuchs

09:00: Geological Warfare Past, Present, and Future

A talk on geological warfare.

Duration: 45

Location: Mouton Cadet

Mr Lars Backstrom

10:00: Our Last, Best Hope for Science Fiction: 25 years of Babylon 5

A look at a ground breaking sci-fi series, celebrating a show we love.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Miss Pinky, Neth Dugan, Nicholas Lally, Matthew Dillon

10:00: Making Magical Creature Crafts

Kid-Friendly

Make unicorn, troll, mermaid and dragon themed take-home treasures in this kids craft session.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Katherine Catchpole

10:00: Fiction About Fiction

This panel is about stories that answer, retell, recast or continue previously-published stories by another author.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Tanya Brown, Alette de Bodard, Claire Rousseau, Jeannette Ng, Ms Roz Kaveney

10:00: The Hero Women of James Bond

This panel discusses the importance of the parts women play in the James Bond films

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Harriet Ellis, Russell A Smith, Vanessa Thompson, Ms Alex (AJ) Campbell

10:00: Costume Design: Beyond Steam-punk

Creating and realising costume concepts for LARP, cosplay, art, etc.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Miss Josie Adam, Lizzie Biscuits

10:00: Depicting social media in art.

How are art and artists living and working online.

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Mr Howard Hardiman, Iris Fritschi-Cussens, Ms Alice Nicholls, Helen Armfield, Malcom Devlin

10:00: Life on Board a Small Ship

What to do if you've run out of fanfic for your rare-pair; how to deal with invasions from the "big ships" and why sometimes smaller is better.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Elizabeth Prais

10:00: Inflatable Shark Olympics (sign-up required) *Kid-Friendly*

Schedule: Sunday

10 teams of 3-6 people to play in a race to the finish line. No age limits, spectators encouraged. Sign up at the convention.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

10:00: GM'ing as an ethics of care

Beyond organisation, core rules and continuity, what is the GM/DM's role at the table?

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Tom B

10:00: Beyond Marvel and DC: What could you be reading?

Our panel of comics fans introduce and discuss some of their favourite titles, and explain why they're worth your time.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Dr Tony Keen, Stephen Lacey, Mr Ram V, Angie Wenham, Mrs Kate Barton

10:00: The Golem: Jewish folklore and modern interpretations

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Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Hannah Hazi, Hannah Hazi

10:00: Vendors

Be sure to get yourself some awesome loot from your weekend with our varied vendors stalls.

Duration: 360

Location: Bourg

11:00: RPG Corner: Scion 13+

The ancient powers never fully went away. You are one of their children. And you have a job to do.

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Anil Godigamuwe

11:00: Nine Dice Games Lounge

The Nine Dice Games Lounge returns, with a huge host of games that everybody can learn and play.

Duration: 390

Location: Cognac - Lounge

11:45: Depictions of mental health in media and art PG

How mental health issues are portrayed in media and art changes how people with these conditions are perceived and how they perceive themselves.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Jessica Meats, Clare Brennan, Grace Knight, Ms Alice Nicholls, Aoife Singh

11:45: Queer Tarot Chat

Queer Tarot is an informal, drop-in discussion group about tarot learning and use for marginalised people.

Duration: 165

Location: Pouilly

11:45: Teenage Mutant Ninja Nine Worlds

A session for teens to tell the organisers what they want to see at future Nine Worlds events, and to learn about volunteering opportunities

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Kate Keen, Jaime Starr, Jay Gainsford

11:45: Folklore and Liking it Weird

This panel will discuss how and why we love folk horror, and insist on making it creepy and weird all the time.

Duration: 60

Schedule: Sunday

Location: Alsace

Verity Holloway, Malcom Devlin, Mr David Southwell

11:45: "Will we float too?" a discussion of race & gender in Stephen King's IT

A discussion of the representation of women and people of colour in the book and film, while also comparing it to King's wider work.

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Felicity Keane, Jesse Panic, Helen Gould

11:45: Fat Representation in Geek Culture, Part Two (second breakfast)

Following on from Gillian Brown's excellent 2016 talk: has there been any progress in representation of fat women in the last two years?

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Zarich Catlin-Hallett, Helen Gibbons, Will Catlin-Hallett

11:45: Exploring the Self by Being Other People

A roundtable discussion/open forum for folks to talk about their experiences in TTRPGs/LARPing

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

11:45: Eurovision The Third

Elaine returns with the hits, the clips and the hot topics from 2018 and before!

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Elaine O'Neill

11:45: History's Hidden Heroes III

The 'History's Hidden Heroes' session returns as a series of mini-talks by presenters discussing their favourite figures lost from mainstream history

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

EK McAlpine, Avery Delany, Tara Brown

11:45: Social class in fandom

Acknowledging and addressing the specific barriers to participation in fandom due to social class and financial situations

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Ms Alison Baker, Helena McCallum, Steve Brooks

11:45: A Year of Roleplaying Games

A blitz through all the most exciting RPG releases of the last twelve months.

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Mr Michael Duxbury

13:00: RPG Corner: Bubblegumshoe

Kid-Friendly

The world is full of mysteries, and it's up to your group of intrepid teen sleuths to solve them.

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Sasha Sienna

13:30: What would a female friendly future look like?

A panel of female sci-fi bloggers and authors discuss what a female friendly future could look like, and books that portray a feminist future.

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Jane O'Reilly, Ms Alison Baker

13:30: Make Your Own Fanvid Taster Session

If you'd love to make your own fanvids but you have no idea where to start, come and give it a go.

Duration: 60

Schedule: Sunday

Location: Beaujolais

Llin (cosmic_llin)

13:30: Subverting Bro Culture and Fanworks

Examining the subversion of traditionally masculine activities in fandoms like Check, Please and Final Fantasy XV, and the appeal of these tropes.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Januarium, Ms Becky Austin, Neth Dugan, Mr Alex Watts, Mr Tim Knight

13:30: Portrayals of Migration in SF

An examination of the range of migrations commonly depicted in SF, and how it can do better.

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Aliette de Bodard, Mrs Emma Potthast, Jo Lindsay Walton, Russell A Smith, Jeannette Ng

13:30: Blindness and other disability in SFF

If: "Around 10% of the world's population, or roughly 650 million people, live with a disability;" where the hell are all the disabled superheroes?

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Paul Arvidson, Hazel Dixon, Verity Holloway

13:30: Capitalism and the depiction of labour in musical theatre

Capitalism and the depiction of labour in musical theatre eg Les Mis, In the Heights, Annie, Pajama Game, Waitress

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Nicole Chen, Alix Penn, Mark Gerrits, Ginny Whitston

13:30: Junk Model Robot Building

Junk modelling robot building (and informally

discussing what robots can do)

Duration: 60

Location: Chalon

Frances Horrocks

13:30: The Future of Nine Worlds

It's time for a chat about Nine Worlds and where it's going.

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Kate Keen, Daniel Whitston

13:30: Short Fiction Discussion

A discussion on writing and marketing short fiction.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Dr Charlotte Geater, Malcom Devlin, Cynthia So, Dan Coxon

13:30: Victoriocity - Live Recording

Victoriocity is a detective comedy podcast set in a reimagined Victorian past. This will be a live performance of the first two episodes of the show

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

13:30: I Spy: The Life and (Mostly True) Adventures of Chevalier D'Eon

Settle back in your seat and make yourself comfortable as our cordial host walks you through the life of one of the most interesting people in history

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Dave Busfield-Birch

15:00: RPG Corner: Blades in the Dark

15+

In the soot-covered underbelly of Doskvol, a group of ruthless scoundrels plan their next

Schedule: Sunday

score.

Duration: 240

Location: Cognac - RP Corner

Jonathan Sims

15:15: Geek Family Fortunes

Nine Worlds is doing Family Fortunes! With a geeky twist

Duration: 60

Location: Mancy

Edward Boff

15:15: Teen Hangout

A teen only chill out space with games & comics.

Duration: 60

Location: Pouilly

Jaime Starr

15:15: Story Time! *Kid-Friendly*

Using story dice and imaginations, we're going to make our own stories in groups. At the end of the session, we'll gather together to share what we've written.

Duration: 60

Location: Beaujolais

Jaime Starr, Ollie

15:15: The boundaries of humanity in Black Mirror

This panel will look at the various states of the human condition as portrayed in Black Mirror, and discuss what lessons should be learned.

Duration: 60

Location: Alsace

Helen Gould, Jade Rose, Tara Brown, Phil Dyson

15:15: Geek Dictionary Corner

Geek Dictionary Corner is back for its fifth year at Nine Worlds, helping new words and senses find their place in Oxford Dictionaries

Duration: 60

Location: Bouzy

Dr Catherine (Cie) Sangster, Dr Katrin Thier

15:15: Intoxicants in fiction *18+*

Talking about all the different drugs/alcohol/poisons/poisons in our favourite books and other media

Duration: 60

Location: Epernay

Mx Skye LoVecchio, Rammi, Miss Laura Manuel,

Verity Holloway

15:15: Star Trek: Discovery - Squee and Moan

A panel about the new Star Trek series, what it has done right and wrong, & whether it has lived up to the hopes & dreams of Trekkies & new fans alike

Duration: 60

Location: Reims

Neth Dugan, Debbie Moon, Andy Poulastides, Emily January

15:15: Black & POC Geeks Meetup 2 *POC Only*

Come hang out with your fellow geeks of colour. We expressly welcome Black and POC LGBTQIA+ folk, as well as mixed race people.

Duration: 60

Location: Chalons

15:15: Women in Star Wars

A panel discussing the numerous women who are an integral part to the Star Wars universe

Duration: 60

Location: Cremant

Avery Delany, Mia Violet, Katherine Fabian, Jeannette Ng

15:15: An Audience with No Face

The real No Face. His life, his loves, his darkest fears.

Schedule: Sunday

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Harriet Ellis, No Face

15:15: Inhumanity?

Looking at the ways non-human entities are created, portrayed, and explored in genre fiction.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Powder Thompson, Ms Ginger Lee Thomason, Adrian Tchaikovsky

15:15: Stories from Bronze Age Skies

A talk on classical stories and astronomy, with storytelling!

Duration: 60

Location: Mouton Cadet

Mr Howard Hardiman

17:00: The Diversification of Warhammer 40K

A panel on the reluctant-but-nonetheless-steady diversification of Warhammer 40K and other Games Workshop properties.

Duration: 60

Location: Bordeaux Suite

Kieron Gillen, Ms Wrenna Robson wr, Jessica Townsend

17:00: Disabled representation in comics

This panel will discuss the best and critique the worst of comic book characterisation and story arcs involving disabled characters.

Duration: 60

Location: Muscadet

Clouds Haberberg, Miranda Brennan, Sarah Gordon

17:30: Cosplay Changing Area

Room set aside for changing out of cosplay. Please note this is a communal changing area.

Duration: 60

Location: Pouilly

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