



MALDIVIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION -MSA (UK)

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
(EGM) 2007

INFORMATION PACK

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1. Introduction

Legal outline:

The section 19.01 of Article XIX of the MSA (UK) constitution states that ‘At least one (1) Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held during the term of office of the Central Committee’.

Thus it is a constitutional obligation on the Central Committee to hold at least one EGM during its term of office.

What are the Benefits?

The EGM, this time planned to take place in Manchester, is an excellent opportunity for the Maldivian students studying right across the UK to get together and interact and have a nice time together, which is one of the main aims of MSA (UK).

Moreover, several important events take place during the EGM, as shown in the agenda. This includes, voting for proposed amendments to the MSA (UK) constitution. The proposed amendments to the constitution has been put in the MSA forum since beginning of February 2007, however, not many members have given any response to the amendments.

In addition to this, discussing and voting on several important issues regarding 9 Rosemont Avenue, N12 0BY, London (the Maldivian government owned three bedroom house specially designated to Maldivian students studying in the UK); commonly called as ‘Rosemont’ by the student will be held. Issues related to Rosemont are always amongst the hottest topics discussed by the students at all the meetings. This year, at the EGM, several important changes to the rules and regulations are scheduled to be discussed and voted on.

In addition to this, prize awarding will take place on various competitions held so far since the current Central Committee took session on 22 December 2006, and the launching of the improved MSA (UK) website will take place.

Last but definitely not the least, several exciting games and activities are scheduled to take place amongst the students, which proves to be full of fun.

The Guest of Honour of the EGM is the High Commissioner of the Maldives to the UK Hon. Hassan Sobir.

2. How to get there?

If you are travelling to Manchester by coach you will arrive to Chorlton street coach station (This applies to both national express coaches as well as Mega bus coaches). Alternatively, if you are travelling by train your stop will be “Manchester Piccadilly” train station. The train station and the Coach station are in the heart of the city centre, and are very close to each other.

If you travel to Manchester by coach, find your way out to the Chorlton Street where bus and taxi services are available. The cheapest way to travel is by bus, and the bus stop you need is in front of the coach station. Take the bus number 219 heading towards “Ashton”

The bus will take between 8 to 12 minutes depending on the traffic. Tickets can be purchased on the bus and the change is always given. It is very convenient. Tell the driver you need a ticket to “Ashton old road, green side street” stop. If he doesn’t understand tell him that you want to get off just before Aldi super store. A single varies from £0.70 to £2.40 depending on the destination and up to green side street it costs £1.20.

If you travel by train to Manchester Piccadilly train station, find your way out to the Fair field street. The train station has two main exits; one to London Road and the other to the Fair field street. You should take way out to the Fair field street where Taxis and bus services are available. The bus 219 also stops in front of the train station on Fair Field Street. As explained before, purchase a single to “Ashton old road, green side street” stop.

A taxi (black cab) either from the coach station or train station will usually cost £6-£9 to reach the EGM location (1 Vincent street, M11 2FU).

Like any other city, Manchester buses also have different types of tickets depending on your travel needs

Single tickets: This is similar to Pay as you go!

Day tickets: Ideal if you are making several journeys in a day or travelling with family and friends. This is an all day ticket and will cost you £3.00

Weekly tickets: Great to buy if you intend to stay more than three days and will be travelling every day. This ticket will cost you £9.50 and is commonly known as “mega rider”

You can learn a bit more about travelling in Manchester from:

<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/manchester/>

The map below shows the location of Chorlton street coach station and Manchester Piccadilly train station. The remaining snap shots of the map show the way up to the EGM location. At normal speed, this a walking distance of about 35-40 minutes from the train station (2.5 miles). The bus 219 travels along Fairfield Street and Ashton old road towards Ashton. If you miss the green side street stop which is the fourth stop from the

SEA MARK shown in the last map, make sure you get off at the ALDI (food super store) stop which you will see immediately after the green side street stop.



Figure 1: Location of picking bus 219 either from the Coach Station or from the Train Station (follow to Figure 2)

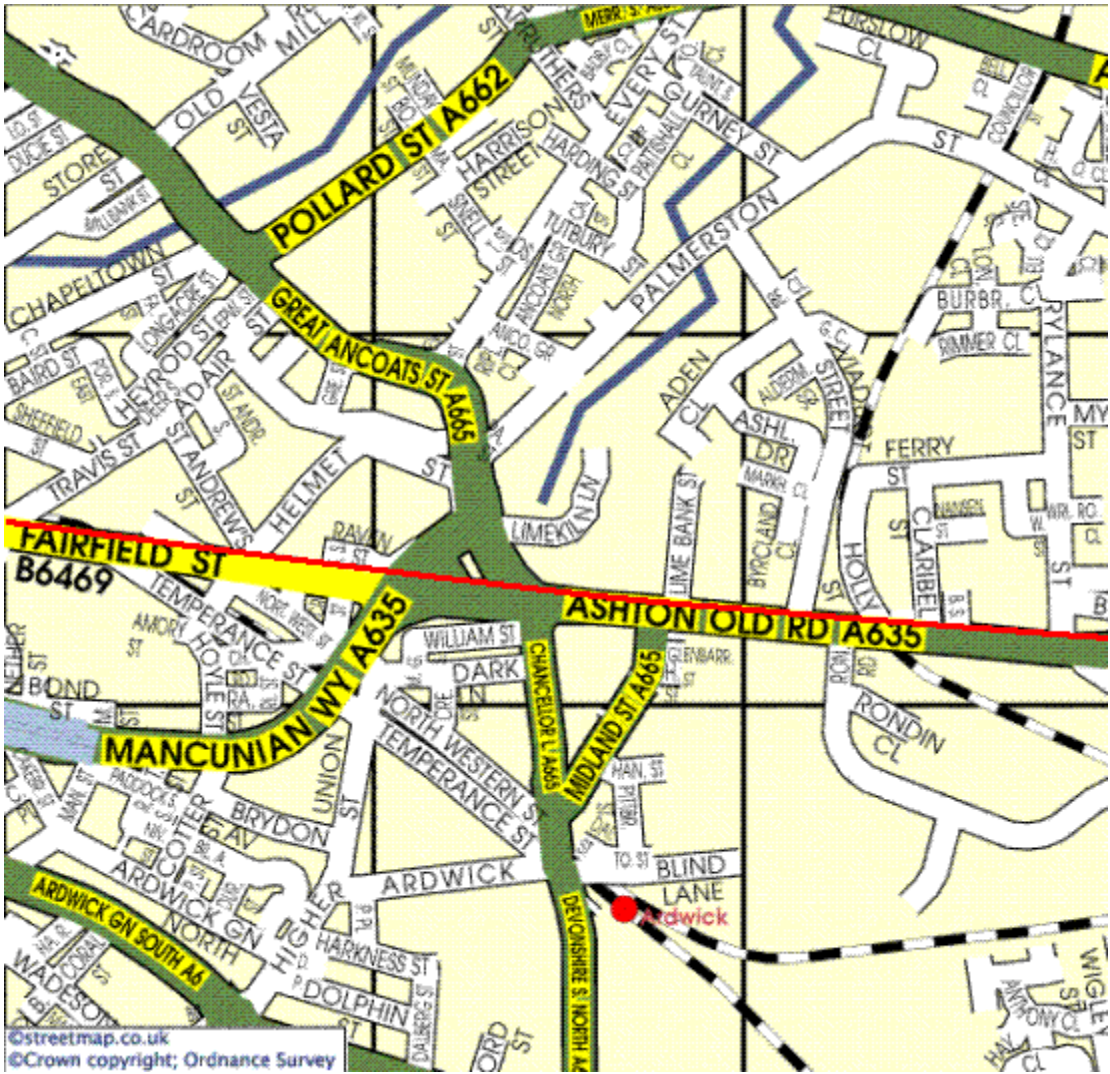


Figure 2: Map showing the route taken by bus number 219 on its way to the EGM location (follow to Figure 3)

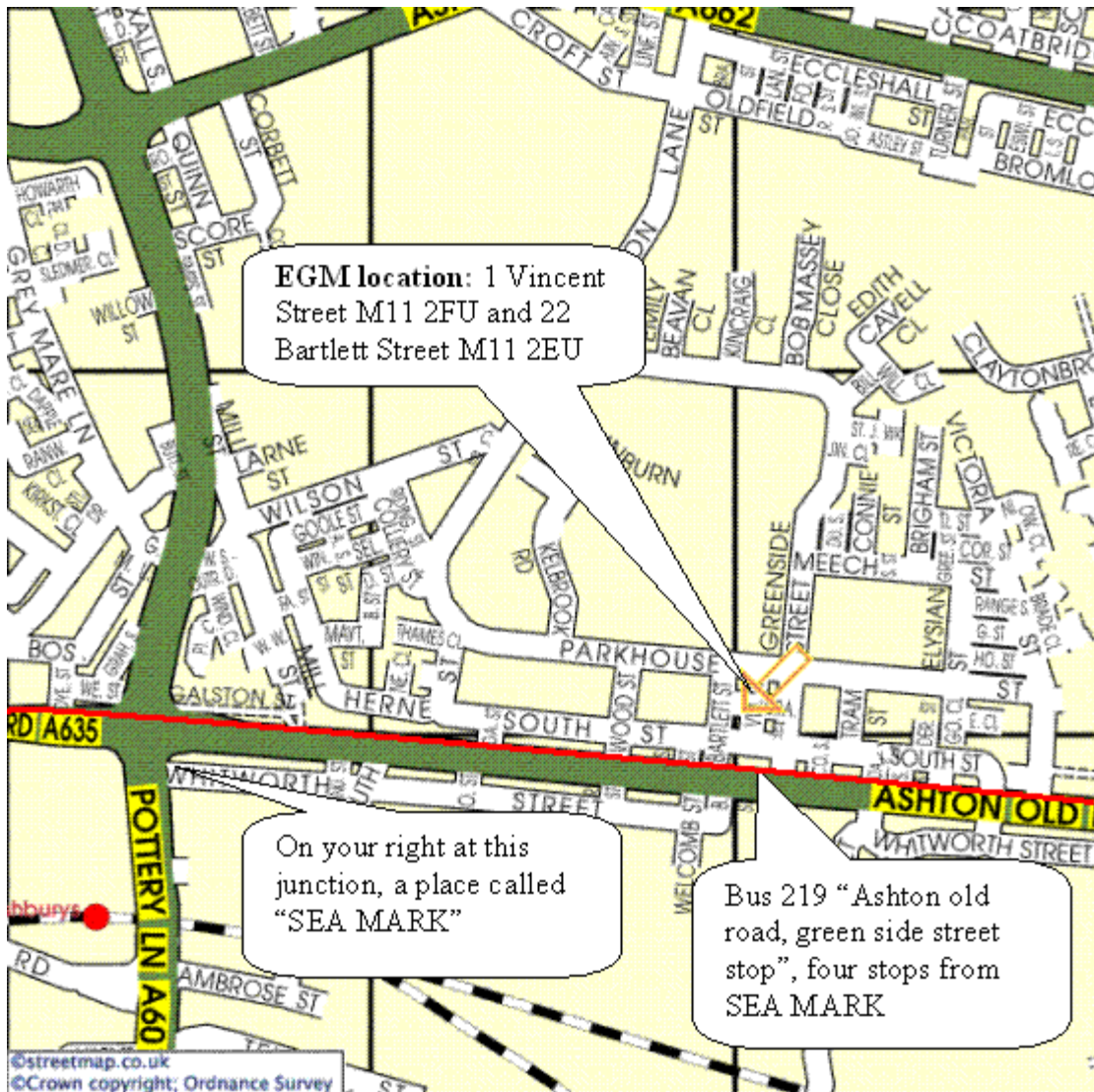


Figure 4: Map showing the stop at which you have to get off from bus number 219 and walk to arrive at the EGM location

3. Agenda

The agenda for the EGM is given in Table 1:

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9		Breakfast	Breakfast	
10				
11		Friday prayer	Manchester sight seeing	Football
12				
13				
14				Baseball
15				Tennis
16	Introduction			Bashi
17	Indoor games	Dodgeball		Main meeting (agenda given separately)
18				
19		Go-teach & Constitution (meeting)		
20			Dinner	
21	Rosemont (meeting)		Bowling	
22		Dinner		
23	Indoor games	Indoor games	Night out	
24			Indoor games	

Table 1: Agenda for the MSA EGM 2007

Agenda of Main Meeting (Sunday 1 April 2007)

18:00Hrs: Opening of the Meeting with the recitation of the holy Qur'an

Other items:

- Introductory speech by Vice-Chair
- Speech by Chair highlight on the various issues related to MSA and how to tackle to those issues, what have been done/achieved so far and the planned activities for the months ahead
- Voting on the draft MSA Constitution
- Voting on the rent/charges change of Rosemont
- Awarding of Prize to the London Team who won in all the categories of the Eid Competition.
- Launching of the MSA(UK) website
- Speech by HE Hassan Sobir
- Question & Answer Session
- Vote of thanks

20:00Hrs: Meeting ends

4. For kids

EGM Taskforce have organised wonderful arrangements for kids during the EGM. Everything from food, accommodation to games and activities every child who comes to the EGM will be taken special care of. Given below are the games organised for the kids. A special group has been formed to specifically run the kids events, and they are Rihula and Nihula (Manchester), Hashma and Hasna (London).

4.1 Indoor games:

Pin the tail on donkey

Snake and ladders

Paper dancing

Pass the parcel

Beat the ball

4.2 Outdoor games

Rounders

Father bear, mother bear and baby bear

Crab race

Three legged race

Egg and spoon

Sack race

5. Games

The EGM Taskforce have taken special care of arranging wonderful and exciting games for both indoor and outdoor to be held throughout the EGM. The highlight of men's outdoor games includes the famous London vs. Outside London football match, and the ladies have games such as bashi amongst others. Indoor games include Lavabaazee, dhalhu vettun, ishaarai amongst others as shown below.

5.1 Indoor Games

Chess

Lavabaazee

Sudoku

Card games

Pictionary

Dart

Scrabble

Uno

Dhalhu vettun

Ishaarai

Outdoor games

Football

Cricket (15 overs)

Baseball

Tennis

Bashi

Dodgeball

Bowling

6. Sightseeing

One of the main features of the EGM is the special sightseeing tour organised. Given below are the details of the tour.

We aim to start off for sight seeing at 10.00am on the 31st March 2007.

The Salford quays

6.1. [Lowry](#): (1hr. Open 11-5pm, admission free).

“Opening its door to the best in entertainment and education in the arts, The Lowry aims to give everyone access to new areas of creativity and to embrace its broad community.”

Exhibitions on 1st April include [Lowry favourites](#), [Ian Berry: In the North](#), and [Ian Berry: The Water Project](#). (Below: Lowry; A selection from Ian Berry’s Water Project.)



6.2. [Imperial War Museum North](#): (45 minutes. Open 10-6pm, admission free).
“...Imperial War Museum North is about people and their stories, about how lives have been and still are shaped by war and conflict. The award-winning building by international architect Daniel Libeskind is a symbol of our world torn apart by conflict...” [Quick guide](#).



6.3. [Old Trafford](#): (45 mins. Open 9.30-4.30pm, admission 9.50 for adults, 6.50 for children for tour plus Museum. But please note that since Saturday is a match day, we plan to organise the visit to do the internal tour on Sunday)

“Immerse yourself in the history of the world’s most famous club, experience the magnificent trophy room, test your skills on our interactives and enjoy the atmosphere inside the ‘Theatre of Dreams’- it certainly is a day to remember.”



6.4. [Trafford Center:](#)

This is a visit to the Europe's second largest shopping mall.



6.5. [The Museum of Science and Industry:](#) (admission free)

“Situating in the oldest passenger railway buildings in the world, the Museum tells the story of the history, science and industry of Manchester - the world's first industrial city.”



Manchester city Center: strolling through Piccadilly Gardens, down Market street to the Triangle (Printworks, Urbis).



We hope to ensure you will get a sense feeling for the City of Manchester. Do join us on the tour!

7. Food

A special group has been formed to organise the meals and other food-related aspects of the EGM. The participants will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner, and snacks.

8. Accommodation

Accommodation has been arranged at several houses of Maldivians in Manchester. Once you arrive at the official EGM location (1 Vincent Street, address given under “how to get there”) you will be allocated your place of accommodation interms of sleeping. Other than that, all the activities of EGM will take place at 1 Vincent Street).

It is optional, but recommended to bring sleeping bags if you have one.

9. Meetings

In addition to the main meeting on Sunday 1 April, there will be two important meetings held during the EGM as shown on the Agenda. The two sessions are to finalise any comments members may have regarding MSA Constitution amendments and Rosemont Guidelines, and to get volunteers for the Go-teach project.

A vote will be taken during the final meeting on Constitution and Rosemont based on the discussions held during these meetings.

10. Contact details

Given below are the contact details of the EGM Taskforce

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