



Dear SICI members and colleagues,

On behalf of the Standing International Conference of Inspectorates (SICI) and Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) we would like to invite you to the 24th **SICI General Assembly in London on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November 2019 at [10-11 Carlton House Terrace, Westminster, London, SW1Y 5AH](#)**. The venue is close to Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and many other popular tourist sites of interest.

The SICI Executive Committee and Ofsted have developed an interesting and varied programme. The conference will wrap up the 2019 theme on innovative inspection practices and launch the 2020 theme of internal quality assurance of inspectorates. We will also discuss the 2020-24 strategy for SICI. The full agenda will be sent out shortly.

There will again be opportunity for the regional groups to meet and to hold the national coordinators annual meeting, which is a chance to share good practice, identify possible levers of improvement and promote further cooperation among SICI members. Additionally, participants can network at the conference dinner hosted by Ofsted on the evening of 14 November.

If you wish to attend the event, please complete the online registration form as early as possible. The deadline for registrations is no later than Friday 1 November:

Registration link is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nScIp4jeYkuVYIWmvowlzLSArsNRqeRLpVQxYn1nihFUNIFSNjU1SkVPT0oxVU1RQjZaQjhLM0ZISC4u>.

Please find enclosed the draft programme and details of recommended nearby hotels. Once you have registered, it is **important not to forget to make a reservation at a suitable hotel**. Due to very restricted hotel accommodation availability at this time of the year in central London we have listed a limited number of rooms available at the prices and dates indicated. Please book by 15 October at the latest. Otherwise, for your convenience, we have also listed other nearby hotels with direct contact information.

Useful tourist information and getting around London guides are available from www.visitlondon.com. This website provides travel information to help plan your visit, including [travel guides](#) from the major airports around London.

If you have any queries concerning the programme they should be directed to: international@ofsted.gov.uk or to the SICI Secretariat.

As a separate activity, on Wednesday 13 November, Ofsted is hosting a roundtable discussion on 'Responding to extremism in faith-based supplementary schools'. The invitation is open to SICI participants. For more information, please see the separate invitation to the roundtable.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to London.

Kind regards

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