



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF...
'SERVICE FROM THE HEART'

We are grateful to the large number of Lions who have already volunteered to welcome the Lions of Europe and the World to Birmingham! There is no need to worry about the unpredictability of our English weather; everything is taking place in one venue, the Hilton Metropole Hotel.

There is one more area where we would very much appreciate your support – Flag Bearers!

During the opening ceremony there will be 56 flags to be paraded. At both the 1998 International Convention and the 2006 Europa Forum, MD105 drew many compliments for the way we conducted the respective Flag Ceremonies.

The Flag Ceremony is part of the Opening Ceremony and will take place on Thursday 30th October, from 17:00; there will be a rehearsal from 16:00. We are looking for volunteers, who will need to have an MD Blue or Green Blazer and MD badge to be worn with grey trousers or skirt, white blouse or shirt and the 'Proud to Serve' tie or scarf. Only a Lions pin will be worn, no other pins, badges or embellishments.

If you would like to be part of the Flag Ceremony, please contact PDG

UPDATE

BRITISH & IRISH MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

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Lions Family,

We are now 60 days away from the 60th Europa Forum, a Forum that will provide a programme for everyone. The hard-working Host Committee are now well advanced with the planning.

Lion Brenda Wood at: bwood47@btinternet.com to register your name and receive further information.

Over 40 Seminars, meetings and workshops have been prepared for education, training and information, but, most importantly, for YOUR participation and enjoyment.

Whether you are young, not so young, experienced or just enthusiastic about the many opportunities that Lionism provides, this Europa Forum will offer something for you all. Club Lions, Club Officers, Past District Governors, even Past International Directors will have an opportunity to return home with new knowledge and fond memories of shared ideas, experiences and fellowship.

If you have never attended a Europa Forum before, make this your first!

If you are a 'first timer' we have two special seminars just for you. The first will explain how the Forum works, what to expect and, there is a competition, just for you! The second session will take place towards the end of the Forum and we will ask you to let us know your experiences, what you enjoyed and what could have been better; your thoughts will be collated and passed

to future Forum Host Committees so that we can continue to make the Forum better, for you, the Lions of Europe.

Europe is one of the largest Lions' constitutional areas of the world and YOUR Forum will enable us to demonstrate our strength, our ideals and our humanitarian achievements. We may only be Ordinary people in our own communities but together through Lionism we achieve Amazing Things by our commitment to giving 'Service from the Heart'.

Work hard during the business sessions, be inspired by our keynote speakers then relax with friends in the evenings with a full social programme that features a military band, an outstanding folk group who will bring the music and dance of Ireland to Birmingham and bring your dancing shoes for our big band on Friday night.

Lions friends, share Lionism together at YOUR Forum which is proudly hosted by the Lions family of the British Isles & Ireland. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and the warmth of our hospitality.

If you have not already, register your interest at: www.europaforum2014.org