



# Community Week 2024

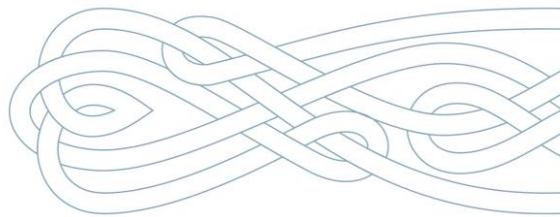
Essential information

God welcomes all:  
being communities of hope  
in a time of crisis

**Saturday 3rd – Friday 9th August 2024**  
**Evangelical Augustinian Monastery,**  
**Erfurt, Germany**



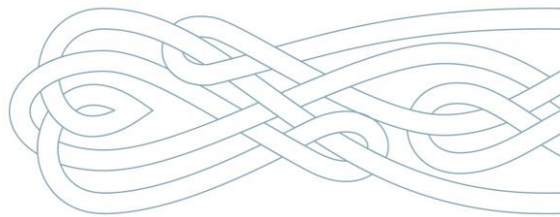
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## INTRODUCTION

With the companionship of [Mediterranean Hope](#), the refugee and migrant programme of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI), we will ask: **how might we be radical communities of hope rooted in faith, in the midst of a migration crisis so bound up with climate chaos and war?**

This event is open to Members and, for 2024 only, to Associate Members. Young Adult Associate Members and Members are particularly encouraged to attend.



## PROGRAMME COMPANION:

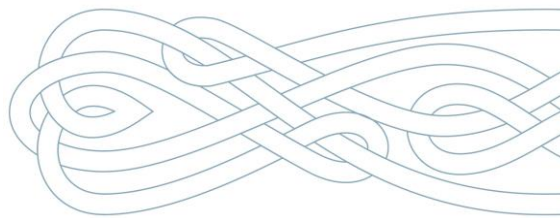
We will be joined for the week by **Fiona Kendall**, Associate Member of the Iona Community living in Rome. Fiona working with Mediterranean Hope as their European and Legal Affairs Adviser. Fiona will offer input, inspiration and critical companionship on themes of:



- Borders and belonging
- What 'safe passage' for migrants actually means
- Migration and Exploitation: justice in the work place

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE/TIMES

We will be following the pattern of our 6-day gatherings at Iona Abbey. Guests are welcome to arrive any time from 16:00 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The evening meal will be served at 18:00. Community Week will close after breakfast and morning worship on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. A more detailed programme will be sent out in advance.



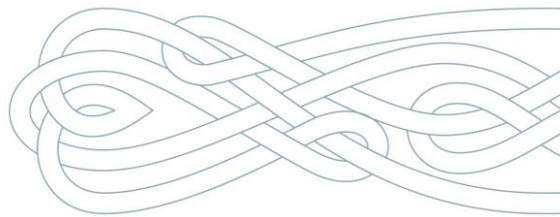
During the week we will

- Worship together and spend time in prayer and stillness
- Share input and reflection from experts on our theme
- Meet in small groups threaded throughout the week to provide stability and a common 'home'
- Tours of the Monastery
- Hear 'Member Stories'
- Free time and time to enjoy Erfurt
- Day trips ('pilgrimage') within the local community
- Living in community in the medieval monastery that was home to Martin Luther in the heart of southern Germany
- There will be various ways of connecting online during the week – more information to follow

## A NOTE ABOUT LANGUAGE

While English will be the primary language of the week together, we will also be sensitive to the various language needs in our group. The planning group is exploring options including

- Translation in advance of some key ideas and themes
- Multi-lingual worship
- Informal simultaneous translation as needed
- Single-language small groups
- Pre Community Week language tutorials



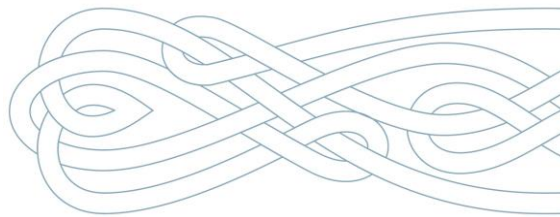


## PARTICIPANTS

Community Week 2024 is open to Members and Associate Members of the Iona Community, including our Young Adult Members. We are also delighted to be welcoming some guests from Oikosnet Europe who will join us for part of our time together.

## VENUE

We will be staying in the Evangelical Augustinian Monastery, Augustinerstrasse 10, 99084 Erfurt, Germany. This former monastery, built from 1277, is where Martin Luther lived between 1505 and 1511. Part destroyed in 1945, the monastery was restored in the early 2000s and now is a place for quiet, retreat and reflection offering office facilities for church bodies, conference space, a space for stillness and reflection, and a library.

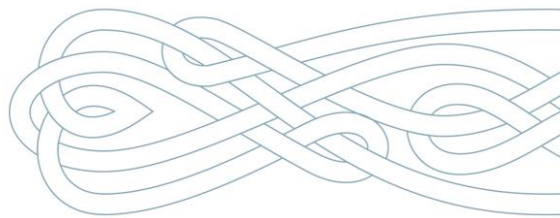


## COST

- full fee 766 Euros (£660.00) per person
- reduced fee 383 Euros (£330) per person applicable if ...
  - you are a student in full-time education
  - you are a child aged between 5 and 15 at the start of the event
  - your only income is from state benefits or a state pension
  - you are paid beneath the real living wage (the UK Living Wage is £12.00/hour. The London Living Wage is £13.15/hour for 2023–24)
  - you are homeless, a refugee, or an asylum seeker.
  
- Children under 5 at the start of the event are free
- These costs and reductions are slightly less than what we charge for staying for 6 nights at Iona Abbey in 2024.
- Prices include all meals and accommodation

## DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- A non-refundable deposit of 25% is required at the point of confirmation
- Our full cancellation policy will be sent at the point of confirmation

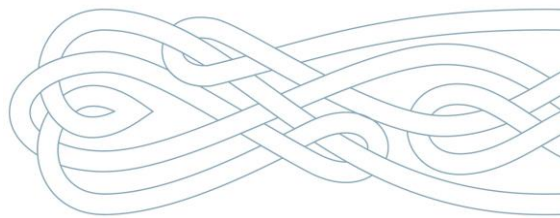


- We will start to contact those wishing to attend Community Week in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT OR MAKING A DONATION

We realise this can be a costly event for many, and never want cost to be the final deciding factor for you. We also realise that some of you may be able to offer financial support to others:

- Please use the reduced fee if this applies to you
- Please consider asking your Family Group for financial support
- Please contact [ruth@iona.org.uk](mailto:ruth@iona.org.uk) if you require further financial assistance
- If you are able to pay the full rate and more, please consider supporting others by adding a donation to the cost of your stay





## ACCOMMODATION

- Most accommodation will be in shared bedrooms.
- Single rooms will be prioritised based on need.
- There is one barrier free twin bedroom available.

## CHILDCARE

- Childcare for school-age children will be provided.
- The deadline for booking childcare provision is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## TRAVEL

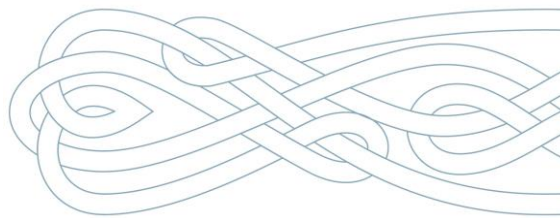
- Members can make use of the Travel Pool to travel to Community Week.
- Here are some tips to help you plan your journey if travelling from the UK:

**Some routings by train:**

London – Brussels – Frankfurt – Erfurt (*limited options on a Saturday, but worth looking*)

London – Paris – Frankfurt – Erfurt

**Ferry & Rail route**





Newcastle - IJmuiden (Amsterdam) – Frankfurt – Erfurt

See useful web-sites below for more travel information.

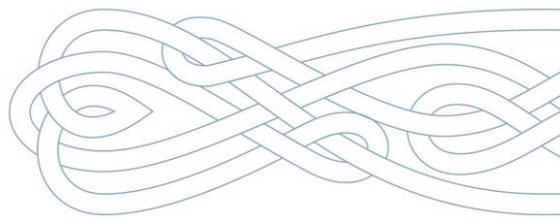
## VISITING SISTER COMMUNITIES EN ROUTE

We are not alone as we live community. Gathered and scattered, our intentional community is very particular, but not unique. In 2022 the Iona Community joined Oikosnet Europe. Through this network of Lay Academies and Communities, we are strengthening our sense of solidarity across Europe with values-aligned communities and networks.

Wherever you are travelling from, you may want to take the opportunity to visit one of our sister communities on the continent of Europe either on the way to Erfurt, or on the way back. These include:

- [Communaute de Grandchamp](#), Areuse, Switzerland
- [Agape Centro Ecumenico](#), Torino, Italy
- [Taize Community](#), near Cluny, France

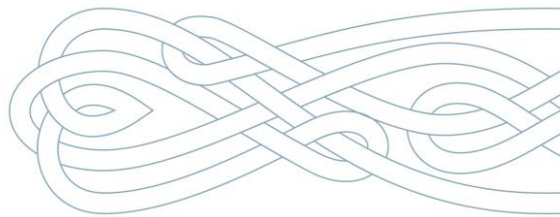
[Oikosnet Europe](#) – find out more about this network and discover more communities that you may like to visit this summer.





## TRAVEL INSURANCE

All guests booking for Community Week are strongly advised to take travel insurance to cover the eventuality of cancellations. Please ensure that this covers Europe and includes medical treatment.



## USEFUL WEBSITES

### **The venue:**

[St. Augustine's Monastery in Erfurt | Meetings & Overnight Stays \(augustinerkloster.de\)](https://www.augustinerkloster.de)

### **The venue location:**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/sTioge3Xte1tfEqGA>

### **Europe Rail:**

[Train tickets in Europe - Search & Book on Rail Europe](https://www.rail.europe)

### **The Trainline:**

[www.thetrainline.com](https://www.thetrainline.com)

### **Interrail Global Pass:**

[Information for those living within Europe](https://www.interrail.com)

### **EU Rail:**

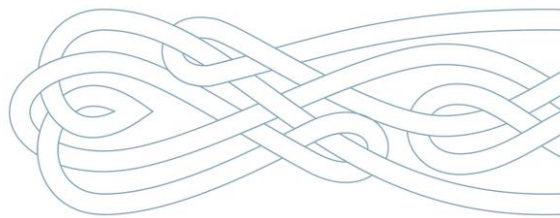
[Global Pass information for those living outside Europe](https://www.eu-rail.com)

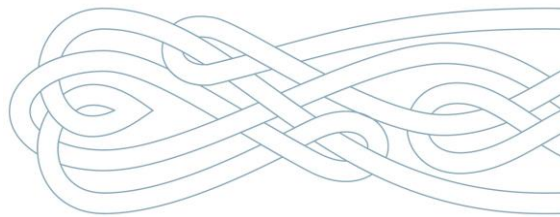
### **Seat 61:**

[www.seat61.com](https://www.seat61.com)

### **German Trains: information in English:**

<https://int.bahn.de/en>





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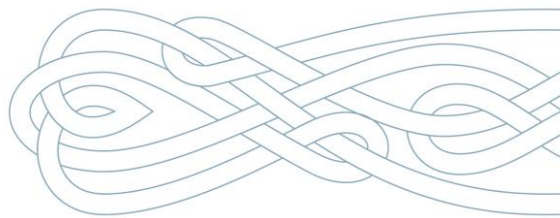
**Bookings are now open to all Members and Associate Members, including Young Adult Associates.**

Please complete your registration using [Google form](#)

(If you have any trouble getting this booking link to work please contact: [CommunityWeek2024@iona.org.uk](mailto:CommunityWeek2024@iona.org.uk))

## WHAT NEXT?

- Confirmation emails will be sent from the Mainland office, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January.
- These will include details of how to pay, and our full cancellation policy.
- Please send any questions relating to bookings for Community Week to:  
[CommunityWeek2024@iona.org.uk](mailto:CommunityWeek2024@iona.org.uk)





*Evangelical Augustinian Monastery, Erfurt, Germany*

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special  
Community Week in August 2024

