

SMOFcon 43: Change for Good





Best Convention Hacks: Tips for a Fun and Stress-Free Experience

Vision

Capitalises on the influx of new conrunners.

Encourages and supports new voices.

Explores different ways to manage fan run conventions.

Examine how change can be used in positive ways going forwards.

Emphasises exploring ideas collectively rather than repeating old ones.

Lisbon

A great place to support incoming conrunners

Popular tourist destination (off season).

SMOFcon was there in 2021.

Eurocon is there in 2027.

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**LISBON
2027**



<https://www.vipartshotel.com/>

€120 - €140/night, including breakfast. €95 - €115 without (tbc)

Twin rooms and suites also available.

Free WiFi, two stops from the airport! Nearby mall and shops.

When?

December 4th – 6th 2026



Avoids Thanksgiving US (26th November 2026) or Dragonmeet UK (27th-29th November 2026).

Committee

Vincent Docherty / Esther MacCallum-Stewart

Steve Cooper

Tammy Coxen

Andrew January

Rogério Ribeiro (Facilities / Lisbon programme)

Miguel Jorge

What to Expect

SMOFcon 43 will focus on groupwork and sharing ideas, rather than simply presenting past experiences on panels.

Workshops

Mentor / AMA sessions.

Panels

Convention information session.

Socials.

Emphasis on interactive, practice-based sessions

Build-A-Con

Optional 'build-a-convention' exercise throughout the three days which will result in the creation of SMOFconcon (title tbc)!

Facilitates aspects like hands-on working together, idea sharing, problem solving and crisis management.



Virtual Attendance / Discord

The 2021 SMOFcon made extensive use of hybrid programming, which we will build on.



Membership

Rates are being decided but will probably include:

Full Attending

Reduced Rate (tbc)

Online Only

‘I Love Lisbon’

We will be speaking to other conventions about available bursary funds to help people attend.