**HEYHA update from Amanda, Business Tourism Partnership Officer at VEHY 14.3.24.**

Sincere Apologies for not being there in person!

Regarding your request for the VHEY Team to pass on information regarding unsuccessful bids – I passed this message on to my colleagues and hopefully they are now doing this. I have also included below a list of successful, unsuccessful bids and those we are still waiting for a decision on.

**Staff Updates**

New member of staff Helen Cohen will be replacing Olivia as Tourism Coordinator.

Helen previously worked on the Visit Hull Team, so she is already familiar with the position. The role will cover both Leisure and Business. the Tourism Co-ordinator will effectively develop and promote Hull as a competitive visitor destination in the business and leisure tourism sectors through sales, marketing, and social media.

Elaine Larney, one of our Business Tourism Assistant, has handed in her notice due to retirement in May. She will be sorely missed!

**Confirmed Events for 2024**

Tower of Light

Culture Conference

School Leaders Conference

Railway Society

Brick Society

Online School

British Chess Championships – accommodation now live on Groupmax

**Events for 2024 still in the running for**

Global Sustainability

National Astronomy Meeting – accommodation only

National Boxing Championships

Academy of Medical Educators

UKSPF

PIANC

**Events with unsuccessful Bids for 2024**

Ignite Space Agency

Seed Talks

NHS Examination Dinner

**Events for 2025 still in the running**

VSGBI – Reminder from last meeting - we put in a bid for their conference which would bring 1400 delegates to the main conference in Hull alongside various dinners and social programming so is a huge one for us. Their president went to university in Hull, so they are keen. Meredith and Amanda did the show around.

VSGBI Update – They were both impressed with the venues, but Gail, the agent was especially impressed with the people of Hull, not just at the venues but in general. She commented on how helpful and friendly people were. Also liked the fact that it’s a small city centre, easy to get round with good rail links with special rates available.

They have booked a second viewing for this month where they will be accompanied by the VA person. Nothing is in the bag yet, but we have everything crossed!

**Other Events for 2025 still live inc**

ASM Global and Museums Association

**Conference Study**

You / your events teams should all have received a link to complete a questionnaire for the Conference Study. Thank you for completing these, if you haven’t can you do so asap as the information is due to be collated by the end of March. Thanks again and apologies for not being there in person!