Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Colchester for the ILEP Meetings. Please see below some practical information on your visit:

- **Accommodation and Venue**
  Lepra has made a group booking at the *Premier Inn Colchester Town Centre (Castle)*, St Peters Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1HY
  The meetings will take place at Lepra’s UK office, 28 Middleborough, Colchester, CO1 1TG
  The hotel and venue are only around a 5 minute walk away from each other.

- **Meet and Greet with GPOI on Tuesday evening**
  Please note that there will be a Meet and Greet with the new Leadership Committee and Secretariat of the Global Partnership on Tuesday evening after the Members Assembly meeting. This will start at around 18:00 and will also take place at Lepra’s office. We hope you will be able to stay for this event.
getting to colchester
the closest airport to colchester is london stansted airport (STN). a taxi from stansted to colchester would take around 38 minutes and cost approximately £50. you can book a taxi in advance by going to https://www.colchesterairportcars.com/

alternatively a bus can be taken from the stansted airport coach station to colchester. the bus usually leaves every two hours and would take around an hour to arrive in colchester. the tickets cost approximately £15 and can be bought or reserved in advance by going to www.nationalexpress.com
On arrival at the Colchester bus station, it is then a short walk to the hotel/Lepra’s office:
In case you are flying into **London Heathrow airport (LHR)**. A taxi from Heathrow to Colchester would take around an hour and a half and cost approximately £100. You can book a taxi by going to [https://www.colchesterairportcars.com/](https://www.colchesterairportcars.com/)

Alternatively you can also travel by train to Colchester, the journey would take around two hours and cost approximately £90. Train tickets can be bought by going to [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)
First take the Heathrow express, which runs every 15 minutes from Heathrow Central Station to Paddington Station. Then walk to the Paddington underground station (3 minutes) and take the Hammersmith & City Line which runs every 20 minutes to the London Liverpool street station. From the London Liverpool Street Station, there is a train which runs every 20 minutes to Colchester.

After arriving at the Colchester station, it is then a 17 minute walk to get to the hotel or to Lepra’s office. Taxis can be taken from the station and will cost around £5.