

GUFF

The Get Up-and-over Fan Fund or Going Under Fan Fund (depending on which way you're going)

GUFF assists fans from Europe and Australasia to form closer links, by providing funds for well-known fans from one part of the world to attend a major science fiction convention in the other. Formed by Leigh Edmonds and Dave Langford in 1979, on an idea by Chris Priest, GUFF was modelled on DUFF (the Down Under Fan Fund) and TAFF (the Trans Atlantic Fan Fund).

The GUFF winners are selected by popular vote amongst fans, after a nomination process. Winners are required to attend a specified convention in the host country, and become administrators until the next winner from their area takes over. Although GUFF is often thought of as being for residents of Australian and the UK, people from other European countries and New Zealand are eligible to nominate and be candidates.

GUFF winners are expected (but not required) to travel as widely as they can in the host area, meeting as many fans as possible, but purely personal sight-seeing costs are not covered by the Fund. Winners are also expected to report on their trip in fanzines and by producing a trip report in some form.

GUFF, like the other fan funds, is supported by donations from fans. Like other administrators before us, we will be organising auctions and other fund raising, in the hope of providing a sound basis for the next GUFF trip.

Many administrators (and also some who have not been winners) continue to widely support the fan funds both before and after their period as administrator. For example, Leigh Edmonds (1979), David Langford (1979), and Rob Jackson (1981), have acted as administrator without ever winning the Fund, while Joseph Nicholas (1995-99) has acted as administrator in addition to the time called upon as a winner.

Previous GUFF winners

John Foyster, 1979 - Seacon, Brighton, the 1979 Worldcon
Joseph Nicholas, 1981 - Adventon '81, Adelaide, NatCon
Justin Ackroyd, 1984 - Seacon '84, Brighton, British Eastercon and Eurocon
Eve Harvey, 1985 - Aussiecon Two, Melbourne, 1985 Worldcon
Irwin Hirsh, 1987 - Conspiracy '87, Brighton, 1987 Worldcon
Roelof Goudriaan, 1989 - Swancon 14, Perth, NatCon
Roman Orszanski, 1990 - Confiction, The Hague, The Netherlands, 1990 Worldcon
Eva Hauser, 1992 - Syncon '92, Sydney, NatCon
Ian Gunn and Karen Pender-Gunn, 1995 - Intersection, Glasgow, 1995 Worldcon

Current Administrators

Paul Kincaid, 1999 (attended Aussiecon Three, Melbourne, 1999 Worldcon),
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Jean Weber and Eric Lindsay, 2001 (attending Paragon, 2001 British Eastercon)
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GUFF websites

Eric and Jean's GUFF website is at <http://psiphi.server101.com/guff/>

Irwin Hirsh has an extensive site on fan funds in general and GUFF in particular, with links to most of the trip reports, plus fan fund trivia, at <http://www.users.bigpond.net.au/hirsh/fanfunds.html>