



Michael Eavis – founder of the Glastonbury Festival – will be one of the keynote speakers at this year's NOEA annual convention and tribute celebration evening. He will join shadow minister for tourism, licensing and gaming Tobias Ellwood at the event which takes place at the Oxford Belfry Hotel between February 27-29. This year's convention will focus on sustainability and building a strong future for the UK events industry for 2012 and beyond.

Showing Canadians how it's done ...

UK event management staff have flown across the Atlantic to show the Canadians how to organise a music festival.

TAO's Andy Cotton, Jon Perry and Ben Price plus long time industry friend Penny Mellor braved minus fifteen degree weather to lecture to members of Nova Scotia's Special Events Task Force which included representatives from events, police, fire and medical services.

They also worked with representatives from electrical installations, alcohol and gaming depts, Parks Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, capital district offices and federal offices. The workshop included sessions on major incident planning, welfare facilities, stages and structures, site planning, event management, complex events and artist liaison.