

CALL FOR PAPERS

Swansea Academy of Learning and Teaching (SALT) Conference 2021 #SUSALT21

Teaching in Extraordinary Times: Reflecting for the Future

The 13th Annual SALT Learning and Teaching Conference, #SUSALT21, will take place on **Wednesday 7th July 2021**. The 2021 conference will take place online via Zoom. If you have an example of a pedagogic research project or feedback from a new approach in learning and teaching which has been shaped by this extraordinary year, please consider sharing your thoughts, ideas and experiences.

Conference theme:

Teaching in Extraordinary Times: Reflecting for the Future

We invite you to come together to reflect on your experiences of online learning and teaching during challenging times with particular emphasis on innovative practices and opportunities for the future. We are now inviting proposals for the 2021 conference which may include (but not be limited to) challenges and opportunities in the following areas:

- The student/staff experience
- Innovative online teaching practices
- Increasing student engagement online
- Assessment and feedback
- Programme design/curriculum development
- Collaboration with partners
- Flexible delivery
- Accessibility

Submission deadline

The deadline for submission of proposals is **midnight on Friday 23rd April 2021**.

Session formats

Proposals should be submitted using the online form for one of the following session types:

- **Live Pecha Kucha** (between 5 -7 minutes)
- **Live Presentation** (15 minutes)
- **Interactive Workshop** (25 minutes)
- **Pre-recorded poster presentation** (These will be available to view 'on demand' and following the conference)

Your proposal needs to show how your session fits with the conference theme and must address the selection criteria that will be used by the review panel. Session outlines should be detailed enough for delegates to have an idea of what to expect when attending and should be reflected in the content delivered. Workshops must be an interactive, innovative and creative format e.g. quizzes, group work, simulation and feedback exercises. You can find out more about Pecha Kuchas from watching the video below.

[Pecha Kucha Video](#)

Please keep in mind that the proposal you submit now will, if accepted, be used for inclusion in the conference programme and is the primary way that participants will choose sessions to attend. Please note, sessions can be presented in the medium of Welsh and English

Selection criteria

- A. Do the title and abstract clearly describe the session?
- B. Does the session clearly align with the conference theme?
- C. Will the session be of interest to the conference audience?
- D. Is the content innovative and engaging
- E. Are the session outcomes clearly stated?

- F. Will the session positively contribute to learning and teaching at the University?
- G. Are the format and session type appropriate to the topic of the presentation?
- H. Does the proposal share research data or learning, teaching and assessment practice during the session?
- I. Does the proposal include all 5 of the following elements: innovation, replicability, impact, evidence and scope?

All proposals should clearly address the main conference theme and will be selected against the above criteria.

Guidelines for abstract submissions

Your abstract must be submitted online by **midnight on Friday 23rd April 2021**. You will be notified by the end of May of the outcome. If your abstract is accepted by the review panel, it will be used for publication in the online conference programme and feature on the SALT conference website. All presenters are required to make their materials available for sharing in readiness for the conference. Recording of sessions is also a requirement.

What to include in your abstract

1. Title, aims and objectives of your proposed session and how this links to the conference themes.
2. Session format.
3. Lead author and details of any other contributors (with weightings).
4. Your abstract must be no longer than 500 words maximum (all formats require a maximum of 500 words and should accurately convey the focus of your session).
5. For an example of successful abstracts that have been previously accepted, please see [last year's conference website](#).

Session outline

You will also be asked to provide a detailed Session Outline - an outline of the session including how it will be run, a breakdown of any interactive activities and how you will engage participants (this is not counted within the word count for the abstract). Please also indicate up to three key

messages or outcomes that delegates will take from your session (again this is not included in the word count).

Keywords

Please provide up to three keywords, separated by commas, which help to define the session content for use on the conference website and in the programme (this is not included in the word count).

Please note:

The lead author will receive communication from the Conference Organiser. You can add additional, direct contributors to your proposal, but they must have made a substantial contribution and the weighting declared. You can be named on another proposal as contributor, but scheduling may not facilitate opportunities for you to actively present on more than one slot due to timetable clashes.

Submit your proposal

Abstract proposals should be submitted by **midnight on the 23rd April 2021** using this [online form](#).

Queries

Further information will be available in due course via the [SALT website](#). If you have any queries about the conference or submission of your proposal please contact: Suzanne Wells (Senior Academic Developer) s.m.wells@swansea.ac.uk or Rhian Ellis (Academic Developer) r.e.ellis@swansea.ac.uk