

Building for the Future

Call for Papers and Posters

CILIP Ireland / LAI
Joint Conference 2024
24 and 25 April
Canal Court Hotel, Newry



The CILIP Ireland/LAI Joint Annual Conference 2024 will take place on 24 and 25 April 2024 at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, Co. Down. The Conference will address the theme '**Building for the Future**'.

CILIP Ireland/LAI would like to hear from both members and non-members about exciting developmental work happening in libraries and knowledge and information centres across the island of Ireland and beyond.

We are inviting submissions from ALL types of libraries, knowledge and information centres (including students) for presentations and posters that cover any aspect of our theme, including, but not limited to:

- environmental sustainability/sustainable development goals
- exploiting new technologies
- innovative library spaces and new builds
- mis/dis information concerns
- new and transformative services
- workforce development and succession planning

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is midnight on Sunday 14 January 2024.

Notifications of whether your proposal has been successful will be sent during the week beginning 29 January 2024.

Those who have been successful must confirm their acceptance and attendance at the conference no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 9 February 2024.

An abstract can be submitted for a Plenary/Parallel Session, Lightning Talk or for a Poster presentation.

Conference costs will be covered as follows:

Plenary / Parallel Session	Attendance at conference for two days, plus one night's accommodation and reasonable travel expenses
Lightning Talk (Students / New Professional)	Attendance at conference for one day
Poster Session	-

Type of submissions:

This year we are offering three different opportunities to present at conference:

1. Plenary / Parallel Session
2. New Voices: Student and New Professional Lightning Talk
3. Posters

1. Plenary/Parallel Session: a 20 minute presentation followed by questions

Please submit a 300 word (max) abstract describing what the presentation is about and how it links to the conference theme.

Submissions should be:

- a practically based presentation on a completed or current project that showcases the conference theme of 'Building for the Future'
- presenters may be required to participate in a panel Q & A session
- presenters may be recorded and/or live streamed. A recording of their talk and a copy of their slides may be published online after the conference
- papers may be included in either plenary or parallel sessions, but we will advise you accordingly
- presenters are required to submit the final version of their presentation by Wednesday 17 April 2024
- presentations should be created in MS PowerPoint
- if you require any other technical support (other than laptop and screen), please let us know when you send in your abstract

2. New Voices: Student and New Professional Lightning Talk

A Lightning Talk is a 7 minute talk/presentation. Please submit a 150 word (max) abstract describing what the talk is about and how it links to the conference theme.

We are inviting students and new professionals to submit proposals for our New Voices session. We welcome presentations relating to our theme Building for the Future on topics including, but not limited to:

- experiences of starting a new job
- future skills
- digital transformation
- service priorities for the future
- libraries and sustainability

The New Voices session welcomes new and recent entrants to the library community and offers an introduction to conference speaking through the medium of short and sweet presentations providing us with an insight into the experience of our colleagues.

This opportunity is open to members and non-members. The Joint Conference is a great professional development event to share your thinking and experiences.

- if wishing to use slides, presentations should be created in MS PowerPoint
- If using slides, presenters are required to submit the final version of their presentation by Wednesday 17 April 2024
- if you require any other technical support (other than laptop and screen), please let us know when you send in your abstract

Please note that we may open the floor to questions after the presentation so speakers should be prepared to answer a few short questions.

3. Posters:

Please submit a 100 word (max) abstract describing what the poster is about and how it links to the conference theme.

Please note the following:

- Poster presenter(s) are expected to be available during their allocated poster session time(s) as stated in the conference programme
- the poster should be of A1 portrait size and professionally printed. Posters should not be mounted on rigid backing as they will be displayed on poster boards
- all expenses regarding design and printing are the responsibility of the presenter(s)
- the final version of the printed poster should be submitted as a PDF file for publishing online post-conference

We are looking forward to reading all your submissions! The Joint Conference is a great professional development event, and you will meet both new and experienced librarians, so don't be shy and tell us all about your work!

Click here to submit you abstract: <https://bit.ly/CILIPIRE-LAI-CallForPapers>

If you have any queries about the call for papers or or the submission process, please contact Elaine Toal, CILIP Ireland Development Manager: elaine.toal@cilip.org.uk

Timeline at a glance:

What	When
Submit your abstract	Sunday 14 January
Feedback from programme team	Week beginning 29 January
Confirm acceptance and attendance	Friday 9 February
Submit your final paper presentation	Wednesday 17 April
Bring your poster to the conference	Wednesday 24 April

