



ALT Annual Conference 2016 Call for Proposals

Connect, Collaborate, Create

The ALT Annual Conference 2016, "[Connect, Collaborate, Create](#)", will be held at the University of Warwick, 6 – 8 September 2016.

The 2016 conference will be chaired by Professor Nicola Whitton, Manchester Metropolitan University, and Alex Moseley, University of Leicester, with the title 'Connect, Collaborate, Create'. The conference provides an international platform for Learning Technology research, practice and policy work from across sectors. The themes for the conference are:

- Connecting data and analytics to enhance learning and teaching: exploring possibilities and measuring impact on learner success;
- Collaboration and innovation in the open: taking risks, sharing lessons and the importance of open educational practice;
- Creating new learning, teaching and assessment opportunities: play, experiment, discover, embed Learning Technology to enhance learner experience;.

Also, the:

- Wildcard: Learning Technology is everywhere... you are free to contribute any aspect of your research, practice or policy work.

Your 500 word proposal needs to show clearly how your session is going to address the relevant theme, and should where possible include recent research, case studies, practice or learner perspectives from any learning context including schools, colleges, universities and industry.

Keep in mind that the proposal you submit for review now will, if accepted, also be used for inclusion in the conference programme and is the primary way for participants to choose which session to attend.

- ◇ Submission system open at <http://go.alt.ac.uk/Submit2016altc>
- ◇ Webinars for potential authors: March 2016 Recording <http://go.alt.ac.uk/ALT2016-Call-Help>
- ◇ **Deadline for submissions is ~~Midnight GMT, Monday 21 March 2016~~ Extended until 30th March 2016 Midnight BST.**
- ◇ Notification of acceptance: May 2016
- ◇ Register to attend: May 2016
- ◇ Webinar for accepted authors: May 2016

Session formats

You can submit proposals for one of the following:

- Poster session: 10 min
- Standard session: 20 min
- Long session: 40 min
- Long session for possible publication in Research and Learning Technology: 40 min
- Panel/symposium: 1 hour with min. 3 contributors

All session formats are understood to incorporate time for questions/audience participation. Please note that in order to make the conference programme as varied as possible, you cannot be the lead author or presenter for more than one session.

The reviewing, selection, and acceptance process

All submitted proposals are double-blind peer-reviewed by members of the Programme Committee. After review and one cycle of revision and re-submission, the conference Programme Committee select proposals for potential inclusion in the conference.

Criteria for proposal review and selection

- ◇ The maximum length for proposals is 500 words. References will be counted towards the 500 word limit. Longer proposals will not be reviewed.
- ◇ References should be key to the contents of the proposal – ideally two or three and at most six. They should follow Harvard System (parenthetical referencing – see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parenthetical_referencing).
- ◇ All proposals will be double blind peer reviewed so should have all author names, institutions and references to the authors' work removed.
- ◇ Contributions should not have appeared elsewhere, in whole or in part.
- ◇ To ensure a suitably diverse programme, no individual will be allowed to submit more than one proposal as the main author. There is no limit on the number of times someone can be named as a subsidiary author.
- ◇ Required fields for submission: conference theme; session type; author name, email, affiliation; title; abstract.

Note for proposals with a commercial focus

We encourage participation from the commercial sector, but we do not accept proposals with a primary focus on demonstrating services or products offered by a commercial provider and which do not explicitly address the conference theme(s) in a learning context. If you are unsure please contact us.

Proposals will be refereed according to:

- ◇ Relevance to the conference title “Connect, Collaborate, Create” and to one or more of the conference themes.
- ◇ Usefulness to conference participants including those from outside the UK.
- ◇ Contribution to the provision of reliable evidence for scholarship and research into the integration of learning technologies into education.
- ◇ Appropriate reflection and evaluation

- ◇ Clarity, coherence and conformity to guidelines.

Here education is considered broadly and includes formal and informal learning settings in schools, colleges, universities, the workplace, homes and communities, at any stage in learners' lives.

Acceptance and conference registration

When a proposal has been accepted, at least one presenter must book to attend the conference by a deadline date that will be notified at the time of provisional acceptance. Only when this booking has been made will the proposal be fully accepted for the conference.

Developing your proposal for publication in Research in Learning Technology

Research in Learning Technology is the Open Access international peer-reviewed journal of ALT. We provide a specific route to publication for authors who are looking to disseminate their research more widely. If you are interested in this publication route, you should select the relevant submission type to indicate that you are making a research submission. Your 500-word proposal will then be reviewed as usual and you will be informed about the outcome as outlined above. If your proposal is accepted, you will receive information regarding your full paper being presented at the conference and submitted to Research in Learning Technology for publication.

Papers submitted to Research in Learning Technology and accepted by the journal editors will be published after the conference - giving an opportunity for researchers to use feedback received at the conference to make revisions after the event. Final full papers should be submitted 1 month after the conference at the latest.

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