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All Ireland Institute of
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Call for Abstracts

Palliative Care All Island Practice Conference

'Palliative Care - It's Not What You Think'

The All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIIHPC) invites submissions for oral and poster presentations for the Palliative Care All Island Conference 'Palliative Care: It's Not What You Think' being held on **Tuesday 8 September 2026**, in **Canal Court Hotel, Newry**

The conference theme is 'Palliative Care – It's Not What You Think' and the conference aims to showcase innovative practice, education, quality improvement initiatives, research and lived experiences that demonstrate the breadth and impact of children, young people and adult palliative care across the illness journey. We welcome abstracts from health and social care professionals, researchers, educators, students, policy makers, volunteers and community organisations across the island of Ireland.

This conference aims to explore and celebrate the many dimensions of palliative care that are transforming experiences of illness, care and living well.

Abstract Themes:

Theme 1: Living Well with Life-Limiting Illness – we invite submissions that demonstrate how palliative care supports quality of life, wellbeing, independence, rehabilitation, symptom management and participation in everyday life. Examples may include rehabilitative palliative care, self-management and empowerment, symptom management innovations, advance care planning, supporting wellbeing and resilience, community and social prescribing approaches, care for people with long-term and progressive conditions, supporting children, young people and families.

Theme 2: Palliative Care Everywhere – we welcome abstracts showcasing collaborative, integrated and innovative approaches that extend palliative care beyond specialist services. Examples may include primary care and community based palliative care, care homes and residential settings, acute hospital initiatives, integrated care pathways, cross-sector and cross-border collaboration, compassionate communities, equity, inclusion and access to care, rural and underserved populations, digital health and technology enabled care.

Theme 3: Changing the Conversation – we invite submissions to explore how we communicate, educate, engage and advocate for palliative care. Examples may include public engagement and awareness initiatives, education and workforce development, co-design and patient involvement, research and evidence informing practice, cultural perspectives in illness, death, dying, and bereavement, communication innovations, leadership and service transformation and policy and

Abstract Submission

Abstracts submitted will be considered for oral presentation, lightning presentation or for poster presentation. Please indicate your presentation preferences when submitting your abstract (however we cannot guarantee your preferred method of presentation).

Abstracts should meet the following criteria:

- The abstract text cannot exceed 300 words (incl. space, excl. title and authors).
- Abstract titles should preferably have abbreviations written out in full at first use (unless they are terms that are much more commonly known and used in the abbreviated form).
- Abstracts must be written in plain English, explained abbreviations may be used (please carefully check the spelling and grammar and ensure all abbreviations are defined at first use). Problems with the intelligibility of abstracts will lead to their rejection.
- The abstract text must not contain any information about the presenters or institutions involved, in order to facilitate the blind review process.
- Reference citations should **not** be included within abstracts.
- The main source of funding of a study should be indicated at the end of the abstract.
- Provide details of any Conflict of Interest or Funding received for the research in section(s) underneath the abstract titled 'Conflict of interest' or 'Funding'.
- Author names should be written in full (not just initials) and written as first name(s) followed by surname.

Abstracts Structure – should be broken down into the following subheadings:

- Background/Context
- Aim/Objectives
- Design/Methods
- Results/Outcomes
- Conclusion/Findings

Abstract Submission Deadline

Professionals from all disciplines, students and trainees are encouraged to submit. Abstract submission deadline is **Friday 24 July 2026**.

Notification of Outcome

Authors will be notified of the outcome of submission week commencing **Monday 3 August 2026**. If your abstract is selected, it is expected that you will attend the conference in person.

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