

## Eating Disorders International Conference 2022



### Abstract Submission Guidelines

Beat, the UK's eating disorders charity is hosting the eighth biennial Eating Disorders International Conference, on the 23 - 24 March 2022 at the University of Strathclyde. We are now accepting abstract submissions for the conference. Please read this document carefully before submitting an abstract to EDIC 2022.

### Call for papers

The Scientific Programme Committee invites you to submit an abstract for the Eating Disorders International Conference 2022 for research relating to eating disorders. Whilst we are not expecting abstracts to fit specific themes, authors will be asked to specify if their research does fit within one of the themes of the conference when submitting.

**The overarching conference theme for EDIC 2022 is 'Building back better, fairer and faster from the pandemic', we ask that all workshop, short paper and poster submissions address this theme.**

If your abstract covers a different theme, you will be able to specify this at the point of submission.

All abstracts accepted for inclusion at EDIC 2022 will need to register on to the conference and will have to pay the appropriate fee in order to present. More information on registration is included further down.

### Presentation categories

Accepted abstracts will be allocated to either a workshop, short paper session or poster presentation at EDIC. Authors will be required to select one of these three modes of presentation as their preferred delivery method when submitting their abstract, however the EDIC 2022 organisers (Beat) and the scientific programme committee reserves the right to offer an alternative presentation type if we feel that it would be of greater benefit to the conference.

**Workshop** - There will be a limited number of workshop slots available. Workshops are 90 minutes in length and are intended to encourage experts to provide some training and experience in their approaches. Hence part of the workshop (at least 45 minutes) should comprise discussion between participants, question and answer or completion of tasks set by the presenters. Naturally methods will vary with the subject. The abstract should make this interactive element of the workshop clear. In addition, for contributors wishing to offer a workshop, we particularly welcome workshops delivered jointly by a professional and someone with lived experience of an eating disorder or a carer. Please indicate if that is intended. Speaker guidelines will also be disseminated once authors have been notified of the outcome of their submission and have confirmed their attendance.

Submissions accepted as a workshop will be given a free ticket to attend the day of their workshop and will be expected to pay the relevant fees to attend the alternate day, and cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

**Short paper** - Short papers are allotted 20 minutes within the programme (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions and answers). Paper submissions that are not accepted as short paper presentations will be considered for a poster presentation.

Submissions accepted as a short paper will be expected to pay to attend the conference to present their presentation and will have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. A discounted conference fee to attend will be offered. AV facilities will be available to all authors accepted for workshop or short paper delivery. Speaker guidelines will also be disseminated once authors have been notified of the outcome of their submission and have confirmed their attendance.

**Poster** - Poster sessions allow presenters to present their work visually on a poster board which will be displayed in the designated poster area throughout the conference. Guidelines on poster presentation will be disseminated to those accepted for this mode of presentation and all posters must meet these specifications. If authors fail to follow the guidelines, EDIC reserve the right to refuse presentation. If accepted, authors are expected to be present at their posters during Poster Stroll sessions when the poster will be presented to one of the senior academics at the conference. All posters will be assessed, and a prize will be awarded to the one that scores most highly during EDIC 2022.

Submissions accepted as a poster presentation will be expected to pay to attend the conference to present their presentation and will have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. A discounted conference fee to attend will be offered.

### Submission guidelines

All abstracts should be submitted through the EDIC 2022 abstract submission portal which can be accessed here: [<https://edic.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/call-for-papers/>].

You must complete your submission in one session. Authors cannot access their abstract to amend it once it has been submitted.

Abstracts are not edited by the organisers and author corrections will not be accepted after submission. Abstracts should therefore be checked carefully for accuracy prior to submission.

The title should be a maximum of 150 characters including spaces, typed principally in lower case letters, using capitals only where essential. The preferred font is Arial 10, please check spelling and format your abstract before submission. The entire abstract for submission must fit on one side of A4 with a minimum font size of 10 pt in Times New Roman font.

The abstract may be a maximum of 1700 characters, including spaces (approximately 250 words). Abstracts exceeding this limit will be truncated. We advise you to type your abstract in full. Copying from another document may result in loss of formatting.

The abstract should represent original work. This does not preclude the use of data that has been previously submitted, however, some aspect of the abstract and presentation should be unique.

All submitted abstracts should, if possible, include unpublished data.

**Spacing:** Single space text, one blank line between subsections. Abstract text should appear in one full paragraph without line breaks.

**Disclosure:** Any relevant financial disclosures or conflicts of interest from any of the authors must be contained in the submission information.

**Authors:** The presenting author should be identified by highlighting in bold. A maximum of 6 authors per abstract will be considered.

**Approval:** Confirmation of any necessary ethics committee approval (e.g. reference) for the conduct of the study must be included within the abstract.

**Content:** Abstracts will only be considered if submitted in English. Non-standard abbreviations should be described in full when first mentioned followed by the

abbreviation in parentheses. The text should be succinct and informative and must include the following subsections:

Title (150 characters max)

Background

Methods

Results

Discussions / Conclusions

The abstract should be as informative as possible and mention statistical methods where appropriate.

One table may be submitted, but no graphics or references. If you wish to include a table, it must be embedded in the abstract document and not increase the length of the abstract to over one side.

Do not repeat the title or authors in the text.

For any further questions, please call 01603 753310 or email [edic@beateatingdisorders.org.uk](mailto:edic@beateatingdisorders.org.uk).

### **Reviewing**

All abstracts will be anonymously peer-reviewed by the EDIC 2022 Scientific Programme Committee and scored for originality, quality of data, presentation and significance.

### **Reproduction of Accepted Abstracts**

Abstracts that have been accepted for presentation will be published in the final programme which will be available to all delegates on site. Abstracts accepted for workshop or short paper presentation will also be included online in the European Eating Disorders Review journal. Poster abstracts will be published here if space permits.

### **Notification of Accepted Abstracts**

Accepted authors will receive notification by email, please respond to confirm your acceptance and then proceed to register onto the conference.

### **Registration**

Please note that although it is not necessary to register to attend EDIC 2022 before submitting an abstract, successful authors will be expected to pay their conference fee to attend in order for their abstract to be included in the conference programme and published in the book of abstracts in the European Eating Disorders Review journal. If accepted, Poster and Short Paper presenters will be responsible for their own EDIC registration fees, travel and accommodation costs. A discounted rate to attend the conference will be offered. Abstracts accepted for Workshop delivery will receive a complimentary ticket to EDIC for the day of their workshop. These complimentary tickets are limited to three per workshop (the third ticket would be for a carer or recovered sufferer co-running the workshop). Abstracts accepted for a Short Paper or Poster delivery will be expected to register to attend the conference on the day of their Short Paper session or Poster Stroll to ensure inclusion in the programme. Information on how to register onto the conference will be provided if accepted.

All of this information will be included within the acceptance emails.

Abstracts cannot be published or included in the programme unless the appropriate registration fee has been received before the conference takes place. Submissions will be withdrawn if payment is not received.

### **Language**

The official language of the Conference is English.

### **CPD Certified Certificate of Attendance**

An official CPD certified Certificate of Attendance will be provided for all registered delegates upon completion of a short evaluation survey relating to the conference.

**Thank you in advance for your interest in EDIC 2022 and for taking the time to submit an abstract for inclusion at the event. Good luck with your submission and we look forward to welcoming you to EDIC 2022!**