



2024 Youth Health Conference

CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE

11-13 November 2024

State Library, Brisbane, Queensland

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for submission: 11.59 PM, Sunday 2 June 2024

INVITATION

Abstracts of original work are invited for the 2024 Youth Health Conference, the annual scientific meeting of the Australian Association for Adolescent Health (AAAH) Ltd, to be held from 11 –13 November 2024 at State Library, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Individuals and organisations are invited to submit an abstract of original work to deliver a:

- Professional Development Workshop (Monday 11 November) 60-90 minutes
- 15-minute oral presentation (Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 November)
- Visual poster presentation

Presentations will be selected to provide a program that offers a comprehensive and diverse range of issues related to the conference theme of **CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE**:

Presentations may report on recent or current research, programs, policy or practice. Priority will be given to presentations about current research or those that demonstrate new knowledge, critical reflection or innovation, rather than purely descriptive papers. Please see below for further explanation of the 2024 conference, theme and target audience.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2024 Youth Health Conference is the only national, annual conference dedicated to youth health and wellbeing in Australia. Convened by the Australian Association for Adolescent Health Ltd, the Youth Health Conference is aimed at providing a platform to exchange ideas, make connections and inspire action drawing on the latest research, practices and models of care in Adolescent Health for young people 12 to 25 years. The conference runs a Youth Health Forum to ensure the voice of young people is included in the conference.

CONFERENCE THEME – CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE

Our 2024 Youth Health Conference theme *CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE* invites us to consider the latest research and effective practice in youth health and wellbeing and how it can be used to identify actions and solutions to improve young people's health and wellbeing outcomes now and into the future.

THEMES

The 2024 AAAH conference theme *CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE* is encouraging abstracts that relate to emerging issues that are important to Adolescent and Young Adult health and wellbeing. You will be asked to submit your abstract to one of the following themes:



- HEALTHCARE
- HEALTH RESEARCH
- HEALTH ADVOCACY
- HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING, WORKFORCE

TARGET AUDIENCE

Our conference target audience is any stakeholder who is involved in or can influence change in systems, policy or practice for youth health and wellbeing including:

- Young people with interest in or lived experience of youth health and wellbeing
- Researchers and academics
- General practice sector
- Health care professionals who work with young people (doctors, nurses, allied health, dentists, pharmacists)
- Commonwealth and state policy staff including Ministers/ministerial staff, and health, education and social sector department representatives
- Local government
- Policymakers/government
- NGO/community and social sector provider and advocacy organisations
- Schools and educational institutions engaged in youth health and wellbeing

SUBMISSION PROCESS

All proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Program Committee. Authors will be notified by e-mail of the outcome.

Please submit your abstract online no later than **11:59 AEST on 2 June 2024** via the abstract submission portal, available via the [conference website](#). Abstracts may only be submitted online through the EventsAir portal and will not be accepted by fax, email or post.

Important: all authors offered a place to deliver an oral presentation or display a poster or professional development workshop must register for the conference and pay the applicable registration fees.

Please note: the submitting author will be the one linked to the abstract and will receive all relevant information via email. It is the submitting author's exclusive responsibility to ensure that all correspondence regarding the abstracts is shared with all other authors.

ABSTRACT OPTIONS

60-90 Minute Professional Development Workshops: Abstracts are invited from groups or individuals who want to share information in a longer and more interactive session. Abstracts for professional development workshops can cover relating to the theme *CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE* will be considered. The abstract will need to state the target audience(s) and learning outcomes. Workshops co-presented with young people will be favoured.

15-minute oral presentations: These presentations will be of 15-minutes in duration (10-minutes presentation + 5-minutes questions). Papers not selected for oral presentation might be given the option of a poster presentation.

Visual poster presentations: Poster presentations are visual displays of material and constitute an interactive and communicative medium, usually combining text and graphics. Posters will be



displayed in a dedicated area for the duration of the conference. Note: A selection of poster presentation may be offered a 'poster symposium' option. In this format, up to eight posters will be grouped by a similar theme and will be allocated a time slot and room in the conference program. Each author will be invited to speak for 4-5 minutes to summarise their main findings. A facilitator will then engage all participants in discussion about key messages arising from all eight posters.

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

- When logging in to the EventsAir portal, you will be asked to create a profile before you can submit an abstract for consideration.
- You can submit multiple abstracts, one after the other, through your profile.
- Whilst you can come back to your submission(s) at any time prior to the submission deadline, please ensure you proceed through the entire process to complete your submission by the due date. If you fail to do this, your abstract will not be reviewed.
- You will be asked to select your preferred presentation option: Workshop, oral presentation or poster. If your submission is accepted, the Conference Scientific Program Committee will confirm which presentation option they consider is best-suited to your submitted abstract.
- We will also ask if the primary author is a Higher Degree by Research Student (Honours, Masters or PhD student) or an Early Career Researcher (PhD conferred in the past 5 years OR researcher assistant or officer). If so, you may be eligible for our HDR/ECR Prize.
- An automatic acknowledgement email will be sent once your abstract submission is complete.
- For oral paper and poster presentations that are research-based, the following four headings should be used: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion. Please refer to template.
- For oral paper and poster presentations that relate to a program, policy or practice, the following four headings should be used: Background, Approach, Outcome, Innovation and Significance. Please refer to template.

Further notes about the portal. Abstracts must:

- Be uploaded in word .doc or .docx format into the EventsAir portal
- Not exceed 300 words, excluding titles, authors and affiliations.
- Be typed in Calibri size 11 font with single spacing
- Be written in English; submissions in languages other than English cannot be accepted
- Show only one presenting author by ticking the appropriate box.
- Include the first name, surname and affiliations of all authors separately.
- Not include any tables or figures
- Ensure the title is fewer than 30 words with spaces. Please ensure the title is written in sentence case, not all caps.
- Please provide a 50-word biography for the presenting author. This is not included in the abstract word count.

ABSTRACTS NOT SUBMITTED IN THE CORRECT FORMAT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

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