

BATOD National Conference 2026

In 2026 BATOD is 50

Join us at the two-day conference event

**Theme: Back to the future – transforming what we know
now ready for tomorrow's world**

Dates: Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April



**Location: Mary Hare School, Arlington Manor,
Snelsmore Common, Newbury RG14 3BQ**

Conference language: English (interpretation will be provided into British Sign Language)

Tickets will go on sale in November

Call for contributions

BATOD warmly invites teachers, professionals, researchers, service providers, developers, manufacturers, policymakers, students, and all those with an interest in the education and lives of deaf children and young people to present and share their work.

This year's theme reflects on how past learning, experiences, and knowledge – alongside evaluations of current practice – inform our future practice, improving outcomes through evidence-based, person-centred interventions. Together, we will consider how these insights shape the lives of deaf children, young people, and their families in a rapidly changing world.

The conference provides a platform to share expertise, showcase innovation, and explore how our collective past and present practices can enhance the future.

Papers and presentations may consider areas such as:

- 1 findings from longitudinal studies
- 2 solutions to past gaps in research
- 3 future proof intervention models
- 4 learnings from deaf children, young people and their families

Abstracts for paper presentations (30 min), workshops/interactive presentations (60 min) and poster presentations are welcomed.

Submission guidelines

All materials should be provided in English.

Abstracts should be submitted in Word format. Videos may not be submitted.

Word limit for abstracts is 250 words. Graphs, charts and tables should not be included.

The abstract should be accompanied by an indication of the type of presentation (paper presentation, workshop/interactive presentation, poster) and full information about the author/presenter: first and last names, email address, affiliation (e.g. university, institute, school, company and postal address).

For presentations on empirical studies, data collection and all analyses must be completed prior to submission.

Abstracts cannot be modified once they have been submitted.

There is no limit on the number of abstracts that may be submitted by one person or organisation.

A maximum of four presenters may be listed per abstract. We are willing to consider submissions of material which has been presented elsewhere. Please ensure that the date and place of the previous presentation is clearly mentioned.

If selected, you will also be required to submit a programme description of 50 words or fewer. This will be used in the conference programme and should accurately capture the subject of your presentation.

Deadline for submission

**Abstracts must be submitted by 17:00 on
12th December 2025**

Submission address

Please send your proposals to exec@batod.org.uk

Criteria and process of selection

The congress programme committee will select the presenters according to the following criteria:

- relevance to the topic of the conference
- contribution to evidence-based practice
- content;
- clarity of the contribution.

All candidates will be informed about the results of the selection via email, no later than two months after the submission deadline.

All abstracts of the selected contributions will be made available on the BATOD website.

Confirming the presentation in the final programme

Everyone listed on the abstract submission is expected to attend the conference as a presenter.

In order to attend, all presenters must register and pay for the conference.

The presenters are responsible for all costs associated with their participation in the event.

