

Wildfires 2022

UK Wildfire Conference - The Human Dimension



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UK Wildfire 2022 Conference Belfast

Call for Posters

Background to the call

The UK Wildfire Conference will be held at the Europa Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland on 9th and 10th November 2022. This is being hosted by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and organised by the Belfast Hills Partnership (BHP).

The two-day conference will focus on the theme of 'The Human Dimension'. It will bring together land managers, fire and rescue services, academic researchers, environmental organisations, planners and policy-makers involved in the prevention, mitigation and suppression of wildfires and focusing on their human impacts. The event will showcase emerging themes that have been informed by the best knowledge and experience from the UK and internationally.

Proposals for posters are now invited from anyone with an interest in wildfire, whether practitioner or researcher, or from inside or outside the UK. Some

suggested topics for posters are listed below, but the organisers are interested in any contributions that can demonstrate clear links between wildfire and people:

- **Communication** - between agencies, communities, individuals and government
- **Leadership** – who leads the changes required and how
- **Behaviour** – managing and changing behaviours
- **Health and Land Management** – tackling new and emerging wildfire health and land management issues
- **Demographics** – shifting populations and risks impacting wildfires
- **Partnerships** – managing relationships across different sectors.

Benefits of presenting at this event

As the largest multi-agency wildfire conference in the UK for the coming two years, this bi-annual meeting will provide an ideal opportunity for stakeholders from all sectors to network and exchange ideas and good practice. The event represents a unique opportunity to share new insights, cutting edge research and collaborative work on wildfire resilience-related issues. More specifically, presenting a poster at this event will provide you with the opportunity:

- to discuss best practice with others
- for career development - to show others your expertise and experience
- to gather feedback on your ideas, practices and research projects – this may help you overcome a problem or suggest a new area of work or research
- to network and avail of a chance to make new contacts.

How to submit a poster proposal

Attendees are invited to submit their proposals by **10th May 2022**. Please submit your proposal via email to wildfire21@belfasthills.org Authors will be notified if their proposal has been accepted by **1st July 2022**.

Please follow the **Poster abstract instructions** provided below. There will be timetabled sessions for posters. Unfortunately we are unable to assist those submitting Posters with the conference fee.

For further information or clarification about this call, please email; wildfire21@belfasthills.org

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Additional Information

The Conference will take the form of a single plenary session with up to 300 delegates with roughly 90% from the UK and Ireland and others from Europe, USA, South Africa and beyond. A significant proportion of the audience will be or have previously been from a research background, with research posters and talks forming a key part of these biennial conferences. We therefore hope to feature roughly 12-16 posters to be exhibited on 1 metre by 1 metre display boards in the main plenary room.

Please note that the overall theme is the Human Dimension of wildfires and each poster needs to fit in with the sub-themes listed below.

Key Submission Elements:-

Each abstract submission should contain the following discrete elements:

1. Title of Poster (50-word limit): The title should clearly and succinctly identify the contents of the abstract. Be sure to use title casing. Capitalize the first letter of each word except prepositions, articles, and names of species.

2. Authors and Affiliations: Enter each author separately and identify whether the individual is the primary author or a co-author. Enter each name by providing the author's name and organization. Do not include the department, division, branch, street address, etc., when completing the organization information.

3. Category: The following category selections under the overall theme of Wildfires – the Human Dimension will be available:

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4. Summary Statement (20 to 25 word limit): Poster abstracts will not be published in the conference book or website. A summary statement of no more than 25 words is required. This should be a brief summary of your research with key points highlighted, providing a basis for discussion and interaction.

5. Abstract Text (250 word limit): Because of the large number of abstracts presented at the conference, the text of each abstract should consist of no more than 250 words. Do not include your title and author information as part of the abstract body. Tables and graphics are not recommended at this submission stage.

6. Credits, Footnotes, etc.: Please note that an entry line should be added to the submission to accommodate credits, footnotes, etc., and will not count towards the number of words in the text of the abstract body.

Please return to wildfire21@belfasthills.org by 10th May 2022.