

# Wildfires 2022

## UK Wildfire Conference - The Human Dimension



## UK Wildfire 2022 Conference Belfast

### Call for Speakers

#### Background to the call

The UK Wildfire Conference will be held at the Europa Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 presentations from speakers 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 presentations 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, delivering a presentation 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 presentation proposal**

Attendees are invited to submit their proposals by **10th May 2022**. Please submit your proposal via email to [wildfire21@belfasthills.org](mailto:wildfire21@belfasthills.org)

Authors will be notified if their proposal has been accepted by **1st July 2022**.

Please note that the conference schedule may not allow us to meet all requests for oral presentations. Please follow the **Speaker abstract instructions provided below**. Papers are expected to be of 20 minutes.

Unfortunately we are unable to assist Speakers with the conference fee.

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

## **SPEAKERS ABSTRACT; UK Wildfire Conference November 9/10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

### **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. Speakers will have a maximum of 20 minutes for their talk with question and answer sessions taken as a block for 2-3 speakers, typically at the end of programme sections. The overall theme is the Human Dimension of wildfires and each talk needs to fit in with the sub-themes below:-

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### **Required Information from speakers:-**

In less than 250 words please supply the following information:-

- Which of the above six sub-themes would your talk come under:-
- Title of Talk:-
- Your details – Name, Role and Organisation:-
- Context / Background:-
- Main Points / Observations:-
- Conclusions / Ways Forward:-

Please return to [wildfire21@belfasthills.org](mailto:wildfire21@belfasthills.org) by 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022