CALL FOR PRESENTERS
5TH Biennial Global Implementation Conference (GIC 2019)
Glasgow, Scotland
Scottish Event Campus – September 16-17, 2019

Overview

Implementation for Impact

GIC 2019 creates an opportunity to advance knowledge and expertise in how to lead, guide, and study effective implementation in diverse political, economic, and disciplinary contexts. Across the world, governments, academia, intermediary organisations/purveyors, and service systems are concerned with optimising the health and wellbeing of local populations. With the global evolution of the field of implementation science and practice, there has been considerable learning and experience on how to maximize the full and effective use of evidence-informed innovations relating to human services across fields (e.g. health, education, social welfare). These efforts and advances offer insights for all in how to bridge the implementation gap to achieve and sustain desired positive impacts for individuals, communities and delivery of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) (https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/).

The GIC is one of the world's leading implementation conferences. It aims to promote implementation science, practice, and policy and their active application in human services in order to contribute to demonstrable and socially significant benefits to people and society. GIC 2017 engaged over 500 delegates from 15 countries, and GIC 2015 engaged over 450 delegates from 25 countries, representing multiple disciplines. GIC 2019 aims to engage the expanding global implementation community through dialogue and discussion on cutting edge implementation research and real-world examples of achieving impact, guided by effective implementation, in diverse contexts.

GIC 2019 will be hosted by the Global Implementation Society (GIS) in partnership with the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS), University of Strathclyde, September 16 -17 2019 at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow, Scotland.

Audience

The audience includes individuals and organisations that use, evaluate, support, and promote effective implementation practices. The core audience for the GIC includes the "doers" within systems, including implementation specialists, applied researchers, quality improvement managers, purveyors, intermediaries, implementing organisations, implementation networks, funders, policy makers, decisions makers, and students. The GIC emphasises the application of implementation science and effective implementation practices at its core, with implementation research serving a foundational role in the translation of evidence to effective implementation practices.

Conference Aims

GIC 2019 aims to engage the expanding global implementation community through dialogue and discussion on cutting edge implementation research and real-world examples of achieving impact, guided by effective implementation.

The Programme Planning Group for GIC 2019 is committed to developing a conference programme that includes diverse perspectives and experiences, spanning implementation fields, disciplines, and geographic and economic contexts.

Therefore, this Call for Presenters invites implementation practitioners, researchers, organisational leaders, administrators, policy developers, consultants in intermediary roles, and others with an interest in implementation research, policy implementation, and the practice of implementation to submit proposals. The topics are listed here in no particular order.

Interests and ideas for topics from potential delegates
The Programme Planning Group circulated a questionnaire inviting colleagues and members of implementation networks to inform the development of the conference programme for 2019. Responses clustered around the following interests and ideas: • Effective approaches to policy implementation • Engaging decision-makers to support effective implementation strategies • Assessing and promoting readiness for implementation

- Approaches to the full articulation and operationalization of interventions/innovations
- Using data for continuous and meaningful improvement
- Developing and sustaining effective coaching for the purposes of implementation
- Successful efforts in taking evidence-informed practices or programmes to scale
- Navigating multi-tiered systems (e.g. country to region to district to local organizations)
- Measuring implementation capacity across inter-linking systems or within organizations
- The intersection between implementation and improvement science
- Implementation research methods
- Translating implementation science (empirical evidence) for application in implementation practice

Programme Objectives

The GIC 2019 conference programme is being designed to engage delegates in a learning and networking experience that facilitates:
- Sharing of lessons learned from implementation work
- Expanding networks among people working in a variety of disciplines, systems, and regions of the world
- Increasing knowledge of implementation science to inform improvements in systems, organisations, and communities
- Understanding how to apply implementation frameworks, strategies, practices, and tools to achieve socially significant improvements

In order to achieve these objectives, presenters are encouraged to develop sessions that emphasise:
- Authentic and interactive engagement of delegates
- Listening and learning that is solution-focused
- Applied learning with the goal to promote active use of newly acquired knowledge, skills, and tools post-conference.

In preparing your submission, we would like you to know that the Programme Planning Group for GIC 2019 is working to incorporate parallel sessions and story board sessions that prioritise

the opportunity for stimulating discussions. We have a total of 20 slots to fill for parallel sessions, which will incorporate a maximum of one or two presentations. We have space for up to 100 story board sessions.

Key Dates

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	29th March 2019
NOTIFICATION	1st May 2019

Presentation Options

Descriptions of the session options relating to the Call for Presenters are provided below.

NOTE: *Proposals that highlight implementation research, policy, or practice within a lower income setting are particularly encouraged.*

Parallel Sessions (Topic-Specific Facilitated Discussion): 1.5 hours

These will be interactive sessions that incorporate <u>one or two</u> short presentations of learning achievements in implementation research, policy, or practice designed to stimulate dialogue and discussion among the participants. Each proposal will include learning objectives for this session that include an emphasis on applied learning for participants and sharing of learning among participants. The proposal can include a single presenter or a team; the presenter(s) is/are responsible for limiting their input to 15 - 30 minutes. Proposals should also include a facilitated process to engage a large group of delegates (up to 90) in dialogue and discussion for the remaining hour (e.g. informed by World Café, 'the Solution Room', 'Open Space Technology', etc.). Successful applicants may be paired with another presenter where proposals appear to be well-aligned. Planning and facilitation of each of these sessions will be supported by an implementation specialist.

Storyboard Presentation: open consultation with delegates

A core feature of each GIC is the Storyboard Presentations. Each presenter (or small group) will prepare a storyboard highlighting work in progress or recently completed, which will be on display throughout the conference. Presenters will be encouraged to prepare a 5-minute overview of their storyboard and pose an issue for consultation with delegates, which is

pertinent to the completion of the work or to maximising its contribution to the field of implementation science and practice. The main goal for these sessions is to foster networks and collaboration for advancement of the field. Accepted submissions must follow a technical specification for production and presentation, which will be poster-based for display rather than electronic. Please see the following example from other conferences as an illustration of the nature of this type of content

How to Submit Proposals

Proposals may only be submitted online, go to:
https://flame.firebird.systems/GI/GIC2019/MySubmissions

A list of the information you will be asked to submit online is provided below:

Abstract Guidelines

a. Please enter the title of your proposed session in 15 words or less.

b. Please supply a summary for the conference programme in 35 words or less.

c. Please enter a description of the topic and purpose of your session in 450 words or less.

d. Please enter the learning objectives for your session.

e. Please enter the key discussion questions for your session. Specify at least three for a parallel session; specify the key question/issue to be posed for consultation and engagement as part of a storyboard session.

f. If submitting for a parallel session, please describe your approach to dialogue and discussion in the session.

2. **Presenter(s): (a maximum of three presenters will be listed in the program).**

3. **Affiliation/Organization(s)**

4. **Contact information for first presenter**

5. **Considerations for Presenters**
   If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to consent to the following:

o   To have your abstract posted on the Conference website during and after the Conference; and

o   To have your session recorded and posted on the Conference website after the Conference; and

o   To have a copy of your PowerPoint presentation, Storyboard, or other materials used within your session posted on the Conference website during and after the Conference.

When preparing your proposal, you will be asked to select categories to classify your proposal in order to help orient attendees.

We would like people to be able to make selections from the conference programme that are most relevant to their interests. We will ask you to classify your content in relation to three categories:

1. **Who is the intended audience for this content?** (Select one to reflect primary audience)
    a. People facilitating effective implementation practice
    b. People negotiating policy challenges for implementation
    c. People conducting implementation research

2. **What is the level of the complexity of the content?** (Select one)
    a. Introductory
        This audience is increasing their awareness of the evidence relating to implementation science and practice. This audience would be relatively new to the field, whether conducting research, negotiating policy challenges or facilitating effective implementation practice.
    b. Intermediate
        This audience has growing knowledge and experience relating to implementation science and practice. This audience is relatively active in the field, whether conducting research, negotiating policy challenges or facilitating effective implementation practice. Intermediate content will help the audience to consolidate understanding and knowledge.
    c. Advanced
        This audience has in depth knowledge and experience relating to implementation science and practice. This audience is actively involved in conducting research, negotiating policy challenges or facilitating effective implementation. Advanced content may be provocative and challenge existing implementation paradigms.

3. **In what context is this work occurring?** (Select one to reflect primary c)
    a. Low and/or middle income settings
    b. Higher income settings

Abstract Selection

All abstracts will be peer reviewed by specialists in the field of implementation. Acceptance will be on the basis of the presenters chosen session format(s).

Selection criteria will include:
- Does the proposal address the aims of GIC 2019, as described above?
- Does the proposal outline key implementation questions/issues to be addressed?
- Does the proposal address the conference aims and programme objectives?
- Does the proposal have relevance and utility for implementation practice, research, or policy?
- Does the proposal describe the session presenter's approach and abilities to adequately engage delegates in an interactive learning process?
- Do you judge the proposal to be of high quality?

Please email all enquiries to: info@globalimplementation.org

Information about Registration

To register your attendance at the conference, please go to:
https://gic.globalimplementation.org/registration/

RATES (stated in British Pounds)	
EARLY BIRD	**Closes 1st June 2019**
Pre-conference Masterclass	£195 (£25 GIS member discount)
Conference	£395
FULL	**Pre Registration closes 15th August 2019**
Pre-conference Masterclass	£195
Conference	£450