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Final Call for papers / exhibits

design4health2013: invention, adoption and diffusion

Lab4Living at Sheffield Hallam University is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2nd European conference on Design 4 Health 2013. The conference will be held at Sheffield Hallam University from 3 - 5 July 2013, Sheffield, UK.

About the conference

This conference seeks to explore the relationship between design, and health and wellbeing. Good design can deliver widespread benefits to society but how can design practice and processes meet the challenges of health and wellbeing in the 21st Century? Through this conference we aim to develop environments and propose creative strategies for future living in which people of all ages and abilities 'not merely survive' but are enabled and empowered to live with dignity, independence and fulfilment.

The conference brings together designers and creative practitioners with researchers, clinicians, policy makers and users to discuss, disseminate and test their approaches and methods. The conference features an exhibition of innovative health related product and service solutions, and creative responses to health and wellbeing issues, plus special sessions and workshops.

Participants might include designers, practitioners and researchers in health and wellbeing, representatives from health and design industries and funding bodies, and creative practitioners.

This year's themes (described in more detail at the end of this document) are:

- **Implementation and sustainability**
- **Usability and Acceptability**
- **Evaluation**

Timetable

Paper abstract deadline: **extended to Friday 22 February 2013**

Exhibition proposal deadline: **22 February 2013**

Submissions accepted: **February- March 2013**

Delegate registration opens: **4 February 2013**

Delegate registration closes: **21 June 2013**

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We invite submissions in the following forms:

Call for Papers

We invite submissions for presentations that address the conference themes and areas of interest (see below). Papers are invited in the form of a written abstract. This will be independently reviewed and, where appropriate, commented upon. Successful authors will be invited to present their work at the conference.

Abstract checklist:

- The language of the conference is English and all submissions should be in English.
- Submissions should be a maximum of 300 words.
- Up to 5 images may also be included.
- Your abstract should describe the context of the research, questions addressed, how the research has been developed including research methods, findings or conclusions, and be supported by references. References should use the **Harvard system of referencing**.
- Abstracts will be double blind reviewed; please **do not include your name or affiliation**.
- Please keep your file size under 1MB, lower if possible.

All abstracts will be independently peer-reviewed by at least two members of the **Design for Health 2013 review panel**. Prizes will be awarded for the best paper presented at the conference. Abstracts should be submitted electronically by **8th February 2013** via the conference management system.

Details of how to do this are on our website at www.design4health.org.uk

Call for Exhibition Proposals

A peer reviewed exhibition will be held as part of the conference. We invite creative responses to healthcare issues from across the art and design disciplines, including fashion and textiles, digital media, information design, furniture and product design. This might take the form of artistic interventions, interactive displays, as well as innovative product and service solutions. We invite individuals, organisations and industry to submit creative projects that they believe make significant progress in design for health.

All submissions will be independently peer-reviewed by members of the **Design for Health 2013 review panel**. Prizes will be awarded for the best exhibit at the conference. If your exhibit is selected for inclusion in the exhibition, you will be expected to attend the conference as a paying delegate.

Please submit a visual description (in PDF format) including a 100 word abstract describing the submission and the rationale behind its creation. The abstract should also contain details of what you intend to exhibit (e.g. poster, artefact etc.). Please also provide details of any specific requirements you will need for your exhibit e.g. equipment, technical support, security measures, estimated value (if over £3000) for insurance purposes. If you would like more information about the exhibition space, or an informal chat about submitting an artefact, please feel free to contact us before making your



submission. Proposals should be submitted electronically by 22nd February 2013. Details of how to do this are on our website at www.design4health.org.uk.

Conference Themes

design4health: invention, adoption and diffusion

The conference will explore creative approaches and perspectives to enhance understanding, experience and improve efficiency of health and wellbeing services and products.

Key themes:

Implementation and sustainability

Opportunities and barriers to innovation. Understanding the process of invention, adoption and diffusion

Usability and Acceptability

Impact of product and new service interventions on patients and carers in terms of safety and quality of life

Evaluation

Evaluating effectiveness and value of new products, systems and services on the health community (including patients, clinicians and policy makes)

Areas of interest include;

- Interdisciplinary working
- Research methods
- Co-design
- Open design
- Patient participation
- Identity and dignity
- Self-care and management
- Chronic/long term conditions
- Procurement and regulatory restrictions
- Patient safety
- Evidence based design
- Raising public awareness and changing perceptions



Submissions

Before making your submission, please read the Author Guidelines and Submission Guidelines, which can be downloaded from our website at www.design4health.org.uk,

To submit your abstract or exhibition proposal, go to <https://conference.shu.ac.uk/index.php/c21test/D4H2013>

Contact us

More information about the conference, including **sponsorship packages**, is at www.design4health.org.uk.

For an informal discussion about submitting a paper or exhibit, you can contact the Conference Director, Dr Alaster Yoxall a.yoxall@shu.ac.uk t: +44(0)114 225 6754.

For general conference enquiries, please email design4health@shu.ac.uk or contact Kirsty Christer on +44 (0)114 225 6811.

Please join our conference mailing list at [www.jiscmail.ac.uk /design4health](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/design4health) to ensure that you receive up to date information about the submission and refereeing process and arrangements for the event itself.

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