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3rd European Conference on Design4Health
Sheffield 13 - 16th July 2015

Call for papers / posters / exhibition proposals

Lab4Living at Sheffield Hallam University is pleased to invite papers from researchers and practitioners for the third European Design4Health conference in Sheffield, 13th-16th July, 2015

Design4Health2015: Synergies of Practice

About the conference

Design4Health is a biennial conference that brings together designers and creative practitioners with researchers, clinicians, policy makers and users to discuss, disseminate and test their approaches and methods. Our events provide an opportunity to reflect on how the disciplines of design and health might develop new ways of thinking and working, and how we might impact positively and sustainably on the social, economic and cultural factors within our communities and beyond.

We invite papers from researchers and practitioners across the areas of design and health in order to develop new dialogues and offer different perspectives. Given that our focus is very much on designing with people we encourage submissions from individuals using services and products and the sharing of real-life experiences.

An integral part of the conference is the use of exhibition as a platform for sharing research, offering provocations and posing questions. Therefore in addition to more traditional paper and poster submissions we also invite the submission of innovative works, objects and artefacts that in some way embody research, or in some way set out to challenge social, cultural and operational preconceptions around how we think about, manage and engage with contemporary healthcare and wellbeing issues.

This year's theme and sub themes (described in more detail later in this document) are:

- **Synergies of Practice**
 - **Methodologies**
 - **Making**
 - **Measurement**

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Conference key dates and deadlines

Online submission opens:	Mon 3 Nov 2014
Paper abstract deadline:	Mon 5 Jan 2015 23:59 (GMT)
Submissions accepted:	w/c 26 Jan 2015
Exhibition proposal deadline:	Fri 20 Feb 2015 23:59 (GMT)
Poster proposal deadline:	Fri 20 Feb 2015 23:59 (GMT)
Full paper deadline:	Sun 8 Mar 23:59 (GMT)
Delegate registration opens:	Mon 13 April 2015
Delegate registration closes:	Mon 22 June 2015
Conference opens:	Mon 13 July 2015
Conference closes:	Thurs 15 July 2015

Conference Themes

design4health: Synergies of Practice

The conference will explore creative approaches and perspectives to enhance understanding, experience and improve efficiency of health and wellbeing services and products, through our contributors' unique placement at the interface of design in health practice and research.

Key themes:

Methodologies

Design encompasses a wide range of methodologies of practice and of research. Papers exploring the synergies of design and health methods are encouraged.

Making

Design has strengths around envisaging both problems and solutions to help all stakeholders explore the world of health in new and exciting ways. Papers exploring innovative methods and case studies are encouraged

Measurement

The disciplines of design and health have different ways of both doing and defining 'measurement'. Papers exploring the differences and opportunities around this area are encouraged.

Areas of interest include;

Participatory approaches to design and research including;

- Practice-based research
- Co-design
- Open design
- Evidence based design

Trans disciplinary working including:

- Experiences of working across disciplinary boundaries
- Approaches to building collective understanding
- Creating shared outcomes
- Finding a language of design4health

Opportunities and barriers to innovation:

- Involving, designing and researching with people
- Raising public awareness and changing perceptions
- Ethical questions and dilemmas
- Procurement and regulatory restrictions

Current and future landscapes in design4health including:

- Identity and dignity
- Social design
- Chronic/long term conditions
- Designing for wellbeing

Conference format

We invite conference submissions in the following formats:

Paper presentations:

These should aim to give a brief summary of a piece of research or a project, either completed or still in progress. These may be from the perspective of researchers or of participants in the research. The presentations for each paper should last for 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions/discussion (20 minutes in total). Each session will be chaired to maximize audience engagement and ensure good time keeping. Full papers will be published in the conference proceedings of Design4Health.

Posters:

Posters will be displayed in the main conference space for viewing during conference breaks. Submission is in the form of a written abstract of up to 300 words which describes the research to be presented. On acceptance, presenters are requested to produce a visually engaging poster in A1 format. The finished poster should not contain extensive amounts of detailed text but may provide further detail through links and/or associated A4 or A5 handouts. Templates and guidance relating to the posters will be available on the conference website.

Exhibition proposals:

Accepted exhibits will be displayed in a peer reviewed exhibition in Sheffield Institute of Arts Gallery running during and after the conference. We invite creative responses to healthcare issues from across the art and design disciplines. Responses might take the form of artistic interventions, interactive displays, as well as innovative product and service solutions. Initial submission is in the form of a one page PDF document including a 100 word abstract describing the submission and the rationale behind its creation.

Call for Papers

We are using a double blind peer review process for abstracts and full papers submitted to the conference (i.e. the identity of the authors is concealed from the reviewers, and vice versa).

Abstract stage: We invite submissions for presentations that address the conference themes and areas of interest (see below). Papers are invited initially in the form of a written abstract. This will be independently reviewed by at least two members of the Design for Health 2015 review panel and, where appropriate, commented upon.

Full paper stage: Successful authors will be notified and invited to write and submit a short full paper prior to the conference within eight weeks. Papers should be between 2000 and 3000 words in total and must use the template provided. The deadline for submission of full papers is **Sun 8 Mar 23:59 (GMT)**. Full papers received after this date will not be considered for inclusion in the Official Proceedings.

Full papers will be reviewed by reviewed by at least two members of the Design for Health 2015 review panel and, where appropriate, commented upon. Authors of accepted full papers will be notified by **Fri 22 May 2015** and invited to present their work at the conference. Those presenting their work are expected to attend the conference as paying delegates.

We aim to publish the full programme four weeks prior to the conference. Official proceedings will be published online during the week of the conference. Prizes will be awarded for the best paper.

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 1 MB, lower if possible.

Full paper author checklist:

Full papers should:

- be based on the research described in the abstract accepted by the conference review panel
- describe the context of the research, questions addressed, how the research has been developed including relevant research methods, findings or conclusions, and be supported by references
- be between 2000 and 3000 words, including abstract and references, and not exceed the 6 page maximum in total
- use the template provided and must not exceed 6 sides in total.
- include a maximum of eight figures
- include references, using the Harvard reference style. Only list references that you have cited within your paper.
- not exceed a total file size of 2MB

Submission procedure and deadlines

Submission is from **Mon 3 Nov 2014** to **Mon 5 Jan 23:59 (GMT)** online only at

<https://conference.shu.ac.uk/index.php/events/D4H2015>

Successful authors will be notified during the week commencing **26 Jan 2015** and will be invited to write and submit a full paper prior to the conference within eight weeks.

The deadline for submission of full papers is **Sun 8 Mar 23:59 (GMT)**. Full papers received after this date will not be considered for inclusion in the Official Proceedings. Authors of accepted full papers will be notified by **Fri 22 May 2015** and invited to present their work at the conference.

Authors will have ten days to make and submit any required revisions or amendments to their papers.

Call for Posters

We invite submissions for Posters that address the conference themes and areas of interest. Poster proposals are invited in the form of a written abstract. This will be independently reviewed by at least two members of the Design for Health 2015 review panel and, where appropriate, commented upon.

Prizes will be awarded for the best poster at the conference.

If your poster is selected for inclusion in the exhibition, it is expected that you or a representative from your organisation or research project will attend the conference as a paying delegate. Authors of some posters may also be invited to present their work during a short informal session.

The deadline for submission of Posters is **Fri 20 Feb 2015 23:59 (GMT)**.

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 2015 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.

Exhibitors may also be invited to present their work informally at short sessions during the conference.

The deadline for submission of exhibition proposals is Fri 20 Feb 2015 23:59 (GMT).

Submission procedure

Online submission opens on 3rd November 2014.

Abstracts, poster proposals and exhibition proposals should be submitted electronically at <https://conference.shu.ac.uk/index.php/events/D4H2015>

Guidelines and templates and any additional information will be published on our website at www.design4health.org.uk

Before making your submission, please read the Conference Deadlines at the beginning of the document or on our website. We reserve the right to change deadlines if necessary; any amendments will be published online.

Contact us

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For an informal discussion about **submitting an exhibit**, contact:

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More information about the conference, including **sponsorship packages**, is at

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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.