

## ASET Conference 2025 ASET25

### Partnerships and Building Skills for the Future

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, Loughborough University  
The Placement and Employability Professionals' Conference

The ASET Annual Conference will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at Loughborough University, bringing together professionals from across the UK and beyond to explore the evolving landscape of work based and placement learning (WBPL). This two-day event will provide a platform for Higher Education practitioners, employers, and stakeholders to share expertise, good practices, and forward-thinking approaches to **shaping the future of skills development**.

This year conference will focus on the crucial role of **partnerships** in addressing the **rising demand for skills development**, both in the UK and globally. The program will delve into how WBPL practitioners can contribute to the advancement of these skills, supporting learners and employers while navigating the dynamic Higher Education environment.



### Call for Contributions

*(1x£50 presenter discount available per abstract accepted)*

Contributions around the main theme of **Partnership and Building Skills for the Future** will be prioritised, and we encourage members to consider areas of work relating to these key sub-themes:

- Engaging **stakeholders** to strengthen WBPL provision to support skills development
- The pivotal role of **employers and working in partnership**, showcased through panel discussions
- The impact of the evolving **skills system**, including the April 2025 launch of **Skills England** and the **UK Industrial Strategy Green Paper 2024**
- Insights from both UK and **global perspectives** on workforce readiness and skills integration

We also welcome contributions across all disciplines, at operational or strategic level, and covering any aspect of work based or experiential learning (including apprenticeships and volunteering). Many delegates will be attending conference for the first time and the majority will be from professional support services within universities. All will be interested to develop new approaches and practice in work based and placement learning for the benefit of our students and employer partners.

Contributions are requested under the following categories:

## Practitioner Workshop

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45min sessions equally split as 20min presentation and 20-25min activities/discussion.

*Abstracts and slides included in Conference Proceedings*



## Research Showcase

### Research Showcase 3 slides, 5minutes

Using **only 3 slides**, you have **5 minutes** to take delegates on a fast-paced, informal, and informative journey through your recent work. An ideal beginning for first-time presenters, and a challenge for the experienced.

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## Poster

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Presenting your research as a poster is a great starting point if you're new to research. There'll be a prize for 'Best Poster' and guidance available to support you with getting started.

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## Not sure where to start?

### Do you have an idea but are not sure how to develop it as an abstract for submission?

Making a conference contribution can sound daunting, but it is easier than it sounds, can be satisfying to create and deliver, and brilliant for your continuing professional development. Let us know if you need help, and we'll match you with a mentor who'll support you through the process. Contact the ASET Office [aset@asetonline.org](mailto:aset@asetonline.org). **Submissions can only be accepted using the ASET25 Abstract Submission Form**, which is available for download from the [ASET website](#)