

ASET

INTEGRATING WORK AND LEARNING

2026 8-9 SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE

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CALL FOR
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The ASET Annual Conference will be held **8 - 9 September 2026 at Lancaster University**, bringing together professionals from across the UK, Ireland 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 shape all forms of work based learning in both changing institutional and external contexts.



Our Focus

This year conference focuses on our practitioners at the centre of a rapidly shifting environment. The workplace has faced unprecedented evolution in the last few years and continues to do so, creating challenges and spaces for innovation in placement and work based learning. Our Higher Education Providers (HEPs) are different too, with a renewed focus on competition, a reconceptualised learner with expectations of their experience and, a focus on maintaining quality whilst being efficient. The programme will delve into how WBPL practitioners can innovate, create and collaborate in this changing context.

Call for Contributions

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

Contributions around the main theme of **Reimagining Work Based Learning for a Changing World** will be prioritised, and we encourage members to consider areas of work relating to these key sub-themes:

- How do AI, automation, and changing job design help us to redefine work based learning?
- What makes partnerships between providers and employers truly impactful and scalable?
- What could this look like across the breath of WBPL; apprenticeships, professional regulated provision (PSRB)?
- How do we embed inclusion, accessibility, and wellbeing in experiential learning models?
- How do we ensure quality and measure outcomes?

Our programme is designed to be relevant to a wide range of professional and academic roles across HEPs. Whether you work in professional services, academic departments, employer engagement, student support, or strategic leadership, a contribution focussed on any aspect of work based or experiential learning is encouraged.





Contributions are requested under the following categories:

Practitioner Workshop

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

Research Showcase

3 slides, 5 minutes

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.

Poster

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

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. Submissions can only be accepted using the **ASET26 Abstract Submission Form**.

