



News

**Call for Papers: EBLIP10, 15-19 June, University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK**

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**Conference Theme: "Using evidence in times of uncertainty"**

The use of evidence is becoming more and more important as a routine part of library planning and decision making. Whilst in an era of library de-funding, calls for accountability, fake news, and complex information environments, evidence is becoming an essential component of advocacy.

This inclusive conference theme will encourage practitioners and researchers to think about what evidence is, how we collect it, and how we use it in these uncertain times.

The conference aims to offer a stimulating and varied programme of workshops, presentations, posters and discussions designed to appeal to library and information professionals convinced about using evidence-based approaches as well as those who may have previously thought that evidence-based practice (or attending an EBLIP conference) wasn't for them. Pre-conference workshops covering a range of topics relating to research, evaluation and evidence based practice

will be held on 15-16 June 2019. The main conference will take place 17-19 June 2019. The conference will provide a practical and accessible forum for librarians and information practitioners from all sectors to discover, use and disseminate evidence that may contribute to decision-making and advocacy in today's professional practice. This includes (but is not inclusive to) those who:

- Are interested in the evaluation of library services or library assessment
- Need to demonstrate the impact or value of their library service
- Wish to build an evidence-based approach to their practice
- Collect data about their services but don't know what to do with it
- Wish to include the user experience in library decision making
- Are interested in methods for evidence-based library and information practice

EBLIP conferences tend to be relatively small and particularly friendly places offering a stimulating environment for librarians across

sectors to meet and share ideas. We welcome librarians attending an EBLIP conference for the first time and have provided a lively social programme to complement the academic content.

### Proposal submissions:

Submissions are invited in the form of 1) papers (for an oral presentation - 20 minutes) or 2) posters. For papers and posters, abstracts of **no more than 350 words** should be submitted using a structured abstract form (Title, Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion/Conclusion).

Submissions should address an area related to the conference theme – “Using evidence in times of uncertainty.” All submissions will be subject to double blind peer review by members of the International Programme Committee. All submissions must be via the EasyChair conference management system at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ebliip10>.

Following the conference, authors are encouraged to submit their papers to practitioner focussed open access journals. Following each EBLIP conference, the *EBLIP* journal invites authors to contribute to a special feature. See <https://journals.library.ualberta.ca/ebliip/index.php/EBLIP/issue/view/1942> for the feature from EBLIP9.

### Key Dates:

- 7 September 2018 – Call for papers opens
- 30 November 2018 – Call for papers closes
- 15 January 2019 – Authors of submissions notified of decision
- 15 February 2019 – Deadline for authors of submissions to confirm participation
- Spring 2019 – Registration opens

For further information, please consult the conference website – <https://ebliip10.org>

### Submission:

To submit an abstract access:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ebliip10>

If you already have an EasyChair account, login. Alternatively, you can create an account.

- Click on submissions
- Click on add submission (top right hand corner of screen)
- Enter the author details
- Enter your abstract – Please remember – This should be in a structured form (Title, Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion/conclusion) and not more than 350 words
- Indicate whether your abstract should be considered as a paper or poster

For programme queries, please contact the International Programme Chair, Alison Brettle – [a.brettle@salford.ac.uk](mailto:a.brettle@salford.ac.uk)

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