CIEP conference 2024 call for speakers

Information about the conference

The conference will be held at Aston University and online from 7 to 9 September 2024 and will be fully hybrid.

The theme of the conference is 'Embracing change', reflecting changes in technology affecting the work of editorial professionals, the changing publishing landscape, changes in language and changes happening at the CIEP.

We are inviting submissions from speakers keen to share their knowledge and expertise with the editorial community.

Session content

Areas we'd like to cover include:

- The impact of AI on editing

- Marketing an editorial business – what are the new opportunities and what traditional methods still get results?

- Working with clients beyond publishers – who they are, where to find them, what they need, how to get work with them

- Running an editorial business – new challenges, how to get better rates of pay, negotiating with clients, managing workload and deadlines, work–life balance, etc

- Tools to improve editors' working practices

- Changes in language and how they impact the work of editorial professionals

This list is by no means exhaustive, and we also welcome proposals in other areas related to editing, particularly covering the core skills needed by editorial professionals outlined in the CIEP curriculum.

There's room for more specialist sessions too, dealing with working in areas such as STEM, fiction, medicine, law, etc and with different types of clients.

We are also looking for sessions that are relevant to editors at various stages of their careers, from newcomers to the profession to those who are more experienced and established but still keen to learn.

Session format

Sessions should be either 60 or 90 minutes, and longer sessions should have a workshop/interactive format.

As the conference is hybrid, you should think about how your session would work for both in-person and online audiences. We will provide technical support and can advise on options if you're not sure.

There are some opportunities for speakers to present remotely if they're not able to be there in person, so don't be put off if you're geographically distant or have other reasons you can't be in Birmingham.

All sessions will be recorded and made available to delegates for three months after the conference.

Payment

The standard speaker fee is £300.

Speakers who are attending as delegates can receive this as a discount on their conference place.

For non-delegate speakers, we can also cover reasonable travel expenses within the UK and provide accommodation if needed.

Any questions?

If you want to discuss an idea or have any questions about what we're looking for, please contact Beth Hamer, the CIEP conference director, at conference@ciep.uk.

Proposal submission

You are invited to submit your proposal using the submission form here. Submissions should be sent to conference@ciep.uk by **5pm UTC on 31 January 2024**. They will then be reviewed by a panel and you'll be informed of their decision by the end of February.