



British Aphasiology Society International Conference 2026

Theme: Living Well with Aphasia

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2026: Cardiff Metropolitan University

Time	
09:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00:	Housekeeping - Chair TBC
10:05	Welcome address – Professor Rachael Langford, President and Vice Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University
10:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Professor Jamie Azios - University of Louisiana at Lafayette <i>Advancing Person-centered Care in Aphasia: From Evidence to Implementation</i>
11:15	THE ROBIN TAVISTOCK AWARD 2026 Presented by: Henrietta, Duchess of Bedford, and Nicole Campbell, MBE, Hon. FRCSLT
11:30	BREAK
	ORAL PRESENTATIONS
12:00	Exploring how people living with aphasia experience spirituality and participate in faith environments - <i>Anna Kissick</i>
12:30	Creative Language in Aphasia Programme - <i>Jennie Grassley</i>
13:00	LUNCH & POSTER PRESENTATIONS
	LIGHTNING TALKS
14:00	"Who's in the room": Exploring the collaboration between Neurologic Music Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy in the context of an Aphasia-Friendly Choir - <i>Esther Goodhew</i>
14:15	Express Yourself! Using Drama and Movement to Support Communication and Wellbeing in Rural Wales - <i>Ceinwen Douglas</i>
14:30	Living Well with Aphasia: A Hybrid Approach Enabling Confidence, Social Connection, and (Musical) Self-Expression - <i>Emma Derbyshire</i>
14:45	'Give Me Patience, Give Me Time' : Building community understanding of living with aphasia through song - <i>Vicky Guise</i>
15:00	Questions
15:15	BREAK
15:45	PANEL "I Wanna Be With You Everywhere": Music Therapy and Continuity of Care across the Aphasia Rehabilitation Pathway <i>Elizabeth Nightingale, Vicky Guise, Serenna Wagner, Ellie Ruddock, Clare Maddocks</i>
17:00	Close Day 1 – Chair
17:15	Drinks Reception and Cardiff and Vale Aphasia Friendly Choir Performance Atrium



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Day 2: TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

Time	
08:30	Registration and refreshments
09:00	Housekeeping - Chair TBC
09:05	Welcome address -Dr Robert Mayr Head of Centre, Centre for Speech, Hearing and Communication Research. Cardiff Metropolitan University
09:15	ORAL PRESENTATIONS 'Say Aphasia' - How I turned my disability into my purpose - <i>Hanka Mayhew</i>
09:45	Feasibility study of a supported self-management intervention for stroke survivors with aphasia (StarStep study) - <i>Dr Faye Wray</i> – VIRTUAL SESSION
10:15	LIVED EXPERIENCE My aphasia journey
11:15	BREAK
11:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Dr Sharon Adjei-Nicol – Canterbury Christ Church University <i>Who Gets to Live Well with Aphasia? Repositioning Global Aphasia</i>
12:45	ORAL PRESENTATION Using gesture in aphasia therapy: experiences of Speech and Language Therapists and Assistants working in acute stroke settings. – <i>Laura Rees and Madeline Haines</i>
13:15	LUNCH & POSTER PRESENTATIONS
14:15	British Aphasiology Society – Annual General Meeting
14:45	ORAL PRESENTATIONS Aphasia Re-Connect's In-Person and Online Art Gallery Visits - <i>Alison Wood</i>
15:15	A Partnership Model for Aphasia Teaching in speech and language therapy training - <i>Jennie Grassley</i>
15:45	BREAK
16:15	LIGHTNING TALKS A chance to ReFrame: Exploring the feasibility and desirability of a creative arts health intervention for people with aphasia in Dorset– <i>Dr Sophie MacKenzie</i>
16:30	Communication Café – How to Manage Your Own Cliff - Instead of Falling Off One - <i>Emma Louise Sinnott</i>
16:45	Questions
17:00	Close Day 2 - Chair
18:00	Conference Dinner – Pre-booked tickets only

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Day 3 – WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2026

Time	
08:15	Registration and refreshments
08:45	Housekeeping & acknowledgements - Chair TBC
09:05	Welcome address -Pippa Cotterall , Head of Wales Office, RCSLT
09:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Professor Marian Brady <i>Glasgow Caledonian University</i> <i>Aphasia Rehabilitation: Evidence, Policy, Systems and Quality of Care</i>
10:15	SYMPOSIUM New avenues in aphasia rehabilitation <i>Rosemary Varley, Yael Benn, Caroline Newton, Holly Robson, Jane Warren</i>
11:30	BREAK
12:00	ORAL PRESENTATIONS Embedding spiritual care in SLT for PPA – measures and narratives from the WELLHEAD Toolkit - <i>Dr Katharyn Mumby</i>
12:30	Examining reporting of dose and intensity in speech-language, cognitive, and psychological interventions for Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA): A systematic review - <i>Fern Rogers</i>
13:00	LUNCH & POSTER PRESENTATIONS
14:00	ORAL PRESENTATIONS What's [The Worst Idea] in the Bag? Combining speech and language therapy and human-computer interaction methods for collaborative co-design in aphasia. – <i>Dr Abi Roper</i>
14:30	Proximal and distal outcomes of a new sentence therapy app for aphasia - <i>Claudia Bruns</i>
15:00	Leave the thorn, enjoy the rose: Identity formation in early aphasia rehabilitation - <i>Rianne Brinkman</i>
15:15	BREAK
15:35	LIGHTNING TALKS: CHAT-AI: evaluating an AI-supported conversation therapy tool for people with aphasia – <i>Rachel Holland</i>
15:50	Fohr: an AI communication tool for people with aphasia — methodology, design, and pilot - <i>Chris Sutton</i>
16:00	Questions
16:15	Conference Close - BAS Chair

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POSTERS

No	Title and Author
01	Observations from the perspective of a Rehabilitation Coach on the social impact of an Aphasia-Friendly Therapeutic Choir – <i>Caroline Lang</i>
02	Examining the Feasibility and Acceptability of Aphasia + Math: An Online Group Intervention for Acaculia in Adults with Aphasia – <i>Caroline Newton</i>
03	Aphasia Re-Connect's Starters Group – <i>Alison Wood</i>
04	Agrammatism in Slavic language speakers with aphasia: a scoping review - <i>Wiktorja Trzcinska, Madeleine Coppolino, Tijana Simic, Agnieszka Stoboda.</i>
05	The role of AI in supporting written communication in aphasia: A qualitative interview study <i>Lindsey Thiel</i>
06	Words or sentences first in aphasia therapy apps? A feasibility study and case series - <i>Kerry Dathan</i>
07	What do people with aphasia want from online Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Programmes (ICAPs)? - <i>Dr Margaret Sanders</i>
08	To create a singing group with the aim of developing patients' confidence in communication and in turn improving their wellbeing - <i>Laura Achurch</i>
09	Wise beyond their years? Comparing spiritual health in people with aphasia and those without, using the WELLHEAD Toolkit and mixed methods – <i>Dr Katharyn Mumby</i>
10	Reflections on Becoming a New AAC User After Stroke - <i>Sioned McLaughlin</i>
11	Online discussions of aphasia: A machine learning assisted content analysis <i>Niki Drossinos</i>
12	Knowledge and attitudes towards aphasia - <i>Katie Earing</i>
13	Helping hands? Gestures convey crucial information to interlocutors but do not facilitate word-retrieval – <i>Isobel Chick</i>
14	Extended Reality in Sub-Acute Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation: A Scoping Review Protocol - <i>Claire Falkus</i>