

NDAS Pre-Conference

Translating research into practice and making an impact

29 June 2026

Calman Learning Centre, Durham University

Upon arrival, please come to the 3rd floor of the Calman Learning Centre

Time	Session Title
10.30 onwards	Registration and collection of name badge
11.00-11.20	What is impact, and an introduction to the workshop - Prof Debbie Riby (Centre for Neurodiversity & Development, Durham University)
11.20-11.50	Working with community partners for making an impact - Dr Amy Pearson (Centre for Neurodiversity & Development, Durham University)
11.50-12.10	What do educational practitioners need from researchers? - Liz Mulholland (SEND and Inclusion Service, Durham County Council)
12.10-12.30	Translating research into practice in clinical and healthcare settings - Dr Alex Wilson (NIHR Advanced Clinical Academic Fellow & Clinical Psychologist, Durham University & CNTW NHS Trust)
12.45-13.00	Morning Q&A
<i>12.45-13.45 Lunch</i>	
13.45-14.10	An introduction to making a pathway for impact and collecting evidence of impact - Prof Mary Hanley (Centre for Neurodiversity & Development, Durham University)
14.10-14.30	Example of the translation pathway from research to impact: 'NDiDA practice' - Neuroinclusive guidance for domestic abuse intervention Dr Nicole Renehan (Dept of Sociology, Durham University)
14.30-15.00	6 speakers from the room - mini showcasing examples of research to impact and engagement

<i>15.00-15.30 Coffee break</i>	
15.30-15.50	Top tips for impacting policy - Lisa Hodgson (Policy Impact & Engagement Manager, Durham University)
15.50-16.30	EPIC: From science communication to a Community Interest Company - Prof Sinead Rhodes (Institute of Neuroscience and Cardiovascular Research, Edinburgh University)
16.20-16.30	Closing comments