ASDC National Conference: The Power in Purpose

A Annual General Meeting | R Award Ceremony | B Break | K Keynote | L Lightning Talks | P Panel Presentation

C Pre conference | W Workshop

SEPTEMBER 28 • THURSDAY

9:30am – 11:30am	C	**Behind the scenes tours of W5**	W5 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
10:00am – 10:30am	B	**Registration: Tea, coffee and pastries**	Concourse and Level 5 mezzanine (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
10:30am – 12:00pm	A	**ASDC Annual General Meeting** *Speakers: Stephen Breslin, Shaaron Leverment, Hermione Cockburn, Roddy Skinner, Cait Campbell*	Seminar Room 1 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
12:00pm – 12:30pm	W	**Collaborative art project opens** *Artists: Luke Palmer*	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	B	**Break for lunch**	Concourse and Level 5 mezzanine (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
1:00pm – 1:30pm	K	**Welcome and introductions** *Speakers: Judith Abraham, Shaaron Leverment, Victoria Denoon*	Theatre (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
1:30pm – 2:00pm	K	**Keynote: Towards a fairer future for science engagement - people, place and purpose** *Speakers: Ben Bleasdale, Clio Heslop*	Theatre (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
2:10pm – 3:00pm	P	**A decolonising state of mind** *Speakers: Sharon Heal, Miranda Lowe*	Seminar Room 2 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
2:10pm – 3:00pm	W	**Science and religion: Challenges and opportunities** *Speakers: Stephanie Bevan*	Seminar Room 1 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
2:10pm – 3:00pm	W	**The findings and the future of the STFC Wonder Initiative** *Speakers: Jenni Chambers, Andrew Farrer, Andy Kensley, Matt Craig*	Theatre (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
3:00pm – 3:30pm	B	**Break for refreshments**	Concourse and Level 5 mezzanine (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	L	**Lightning talks** *Chair: Sheila Kanani* *Speakers: Katie Weeks, Cindy Smidt, Suzanne Hermiston, Jon Chase, Lauren Treacher, Jo Rynhold, Linda Conlon*	Theatre (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
4:40pm – 5:30pm	P	**Longer-term interventions: creating a more equitable society using STEM** *Speakers: CJ Bishop, Sophie Bartlett, Laura Carey*	Seminar Room 2 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
4:40pm – 5:30pm	P	**What is a science centre without a building?** *Speakers: Andrew Farrer, Laura Woodfield, Jack Monaghan*	Theatre (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
4:40pm – 5:30pm	W	**Divergent thinking and the dangers of dismissing it: exploring neurodiversity in the workplace** *Speakers: Sarah Dellar, Sheila Kanani*	Seminar Room 1 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
5:30pm – 5:30pm	B	**End of daytime programme: Day 1**	
6:45pm – 7:15pm		**Arrival and drinks reception for dinner attendees**	W5 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
7:15pm – 7:40pm	R	**Marsh Award with ASDC for Volunteer of the Year 2023** *Speakers: Monica Davey, Shaaron Leverment*	W5 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)
8:30pm – 9:00pm	K	**Dinner Keynote: From Antarctica to Space** *Speakers: Meganne Christian*	W5 (The Odyssey, 2 Queens Quay, Belfast BT3 9QQ)