

IPDA International Conference 2024

Here be Dragons

I AM NOT A ROBOT

*Call for papers open until  
29th March 2024*

**14-16 November 2024**

ASTON UNIVERSITY, BIRMINGHAM, UK



International Professional  
Development Association

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#IPDA2024

## Conference and theme

In our 2023 conference we explored the different interests and views of delegates, who also contributed to the shaping of our 2024 conference theme.

The changes in the professional learning landscape have led to many opportunities and challenges. 'Here Be Dragons', means dangerous and uncharted contexts, and stems from the medieval practice where illustrations of sea monsters or other mythological creatures were placed on maps to signpost unexplored territory and the areas where potential dangers might exist.

For the 2024 conference, this metaphor is used to enable the IPDA community to reflect on those uncharted waters, where dangers are, but exciting opportunities might exist. We are keen to engage with colleagues to explore what these dangers are, what they might look like, and how we can overcome these challenges, and move forward to embrace them as opportunities.

## TICKETS *Booking available from April 2024 with earlybird discount*

	Members	Non-Members	Retired/Student
<b>Full conference Tickets</b> <i>Inc. Gala dinner and overnight stay 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<b>£425</b>	<b>£425</b>	<b>£425</b>
<b>Day Delegate Friday</b>	<b>£180</b>	<b>£205</b>	<b>£180</b>
<b>Day Delegate Saturday</b>	<b>£150</b>	<b>£180</b>	<b>£100</b>
<b>Day Delegate Both Days</b>	<b>£320</b>	<b>£355</b>	<b>£240</b>

*All tickets include lunch and online IPDA membership for 2025.*

In addition, professional learning is bespoke to each individual, and with the changing landscape of professional learning and development, the bespoke nature of professional learning is often overlooked. How can we consider the importance of meeting the needs of others, opposed to it becoming a robotic technician approach?

## Conference strands

- Challenges and opportunities for professional learning
- Bespoke innovative approaches to professional learning
- Inclusive practices in professional learning
- Experiences of Early Careers professional learners
- The complexity of professional learning



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Keynote speakers and IPDA members from the UK and beyond present and prompt wide discussion around issues that impact professional development. The IPDA conference provides a supportive environment in which people can listen, talk and present their research and ideas, perfect for first time researchers to develop their skills and learn from experienced researchers.

## Overview

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Nov:** [Online](#) Pre-conference Forum  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Conference Day 1 at Aston University  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Conference Day 2 at Aston University

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