



Leisure Studies Association Conference: Leisure Pasts, Presents and Futures
Manchester Metropolitan University, 7-9 July 2020

The Leisure Studies Association is delighted to open the first call for abstracts for its annual conference in 2020.

The conference offers the opportunity to explore leisure from a range of disciplinary perspectives, and to learn from industry and policy practitioners.

In 2020, its core theme is **leisure pasts, presents and futures**. Presenters and delegates are thus invited to consider:

- How has leisure been constructed, understood and enacted over time?
- What role does leisure play in addressing societal challenges today?
- How can the past inform the present in terms of leisure practice, policy and research?
- What are the future trends in policy, practice and research?
- Where and when do we make space for leisure in 2020?

The broad sub-themes for 2020 are:

- Looking back, looking forward
- Addressing societal challenges
- Making space for leisure
- Leisure and the revitalisation of the high street: Special theme in partnership with the [Institute of Place Management](#) (IPM)
- Music and Sound in Leisure Spaces: Special theme in partnership with [Music and Sonic Studies Manchester](#) (MASSmcr)
- Open stream.

Preliminary call for abstracts

We welcome submissions that address the core themes of the conference: leisure pasts, presents and futures, and are open to those that address any other area of leisure research, teaching and practice.

Abstracts of up to 300 words may be submitted for individual presentations. For panels, please provide a 100 word abstract for the panel overview, an indication of the format and a list of panel members with 100 word summaries for each if applicable.

Individual submissions would ordinarily comprise a 20 minute presentation followed by 10 minutes for questions.

Panels would ordinarily be 90 minutes long, and should share thematic or methodological synergies. This may take the format of three individual presentations, each of 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of questions, or a more dialogic format between presenters. We actively encourage you to work with other potential presenters in this way: it should facilitate greater collaboration and deeper debate. If you would like to float your ideas with us ahead of submitting, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Abstracts and panel submissions should be submitted to LSA2020@mmu.ac.uk by 17th January 2020.

The LSA actively encourages participation from postgraduate students and ECRs. Student bursaries will be available from the LSA to eligible student members on application (details will follow).