

# Conference and events update

## ASE Annual Conference Online

Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th  
January 2021

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020, and ever-changing goalposts and guidance relating to face-to-face events, ASE's Annual Conference in January 2021 is being delivered online. It is hoped that a face-to-face event can be held in late June/early July 2021.

Following on from the huge success of ASE's online delivery of COVID-19 webinars and summer conferences, the Annual Conference 2021 programme will consist of up to 6 time slots on each of the 4 days, from Wednesday January 6th to Saturday January 9th, within 6 virtual rooms. Additionally, we are keen to continue to involve supporting

partners and those who would normally exhibit, and there are a further 2 virtual rooms for either 15-minute bite-sized presentations, or 1-hour sessions with a media presence – for further details, please e-mail [conferences@ase.org.uk](mailto:conferences@ase.org.uk)

The live online timetable (which may be subject to further minor changes) is available for viewing at <https://ase2021annualconferenceonline.sched.com/>

In brief, Wednesday is introduced by Hannah Russell, ASE's Chief Executive, and hosts 4 virtual rooms of international sessions, alongside 2 rooms of technicians' sessions, with supporting partners in an additional 2 rooms.

On each day, a welcome will be provided by members of the ASE Chair Trio and/or ASE committee members from 08:15, and sessions for primary

and 11-19 will start from 08:30 and comprise the programme, with the final session each day (including Saturday) ending at 17:30. The main primary focus is on Friday and research and Futures sessions are on Saturday. Tickets (from £35+VAT for ASE members and £60+VAT for non-members) will be available to purchase early in the 2020 autumn term. Please keep an eye on our website at <https://www.ase.org.uk/events/ase-annual-conference-2021-online-in-january>

With over 5000 participants engaging with ASE for the majority of this year's events during lockdown, and much positive feedback, we look forward to welcoming you all online in January 2021.

For queries regarding the online Annual Conference, please e-mail [conferences@ase.org.uk](mailto:conferences@ase.org.uk)

## ASE 2020 summer events

This summer, the challenge of moving events from face-to-face to online was no mean feat. Lockdown not only meant cancelling a variety of host venues and related delegate bookings, and rearranging online events, but ASE teams also swiftly drew together a programme of free COVID-19 webinars throughout May and June, which saw huge success and positive feedback from over 5000 participants, many of whom were new to ASE. As a result, we have increased our membership, which is a wonderful good-news story during tough times.

The COVID-19 webinars included such titles as:

- The impact on examinations and assessment (173 delegates)

- Almost everything you need to know about teaching students with SEND (289 delegates)
- Best Evidence Science Teaching (187 delegates)
- Professor Sir John Holman: in conversation with... (nearly 400 delegates over the series)
  - Professor Steve Jones
  - Ben Ferringa
  - Chris Lintott
  - Jess Wade
- Planning to address gaps in primary learning (105 delegates)
- Research into cognition and learning (118 delegates)
- How do we teach primary science now? (252 delegates)
- Lockdown and NQTs – what will September look like? (94 delegates)
- Practical Science in a post-lockdown world, generously supported by The Gatsby Foundation (1537 delegates).

There were also a variety of online TeachMeets, 4 oversubscribed TechMeets, and several sessions on professional registrations. Delegate prices were substantially reduced for the Online Summer Conference (120 delegates); an online Technicians Conference that sold out with 106 delegates; and a two-day Futures Conference, with 82 delegates. The series of three Technician Leadership courses in May, June and July also moved to an online delivery platform and was so successful that the series is likely to continue to be delivered online, even once we are able to reconvene face-to-face events – the technicians loved it! We also ran a version for an international audience on 3 consecutive mornings, which was extremely well received. All in all, it turned into a very busy summer!