

Inspiring Connections, Advancing Together



Conference
2026

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise



21ST & 22ND MAY 2026

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At a Glance

Start time & finish times:

Day	Tea & Coffee - Registration	Opening session	End time
Thursday 21st May	9.00-9.30am	9.30	5.15pm
Friday 22nd May	9.00-9.20am	9.20	4.20pm

You can arrive and leave at any time throughout the day

Check In

- The check-in process involves:
- Pick up your name card on arrival
- Collect your delegate bag from the chairs in the Nutricia Maryborough Suite (includes lanyard).
- Input your car registration to the validation tablet beside IASLT table. Overnight guests should do this at reception when checking in.

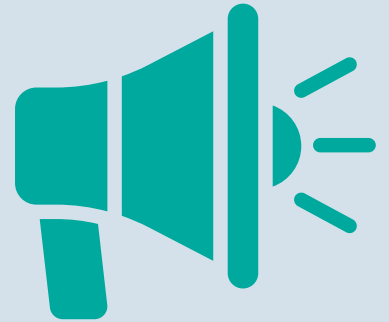
If you arrive late, you are still welcome to join the event.



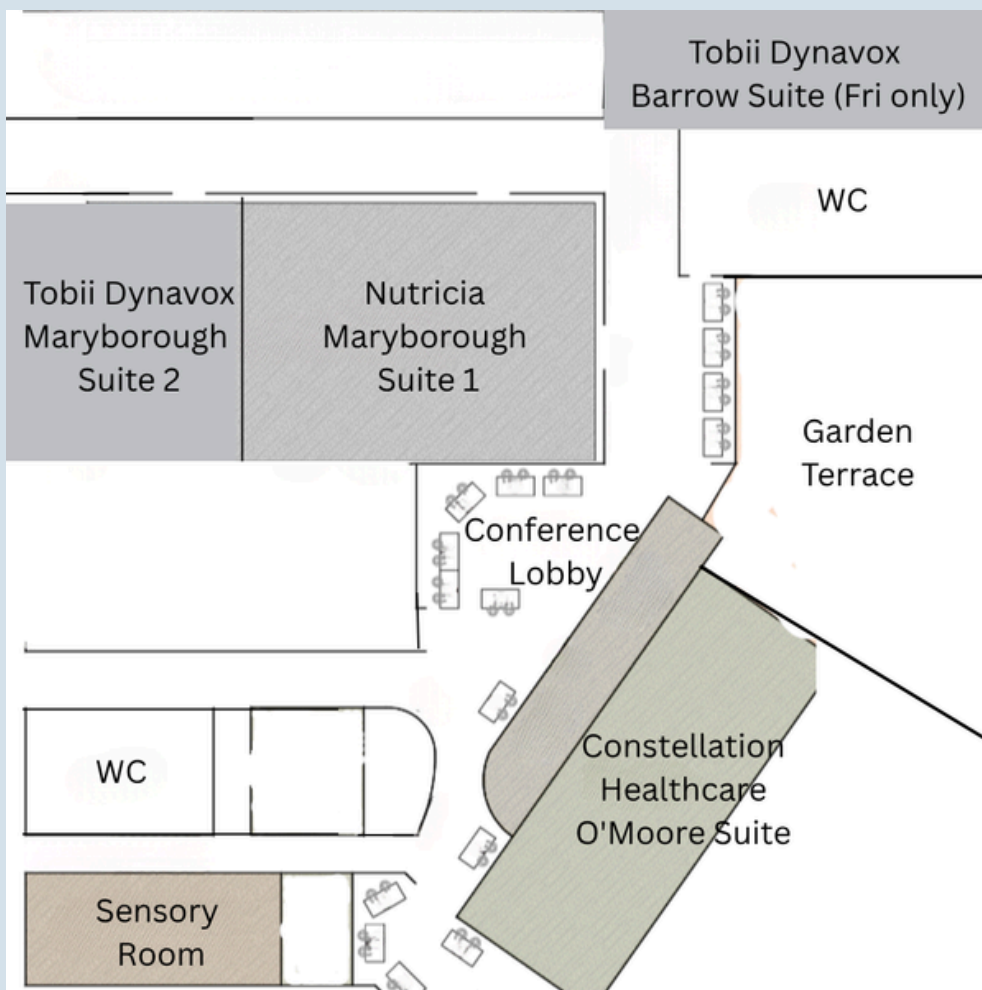
Map

The conference takes place across several spaces.

We expect the Exhibitor Lobby to be the busiest and loudest, however this may not be the case.



A venue map will also be available on your conference app.



How to Get Here?

Public Transport

Bus

Portlaoise Bus Station located a short 5-minute walk from Midlands Park Hotel.

The Following are some bus routes that stop at Portlaoise Bus Station

- Bus Éireann
- JJ Kavanagh
- Dublin Coach

Train

Portlaoise Train Station is located behind the Midlands Park Hotel.



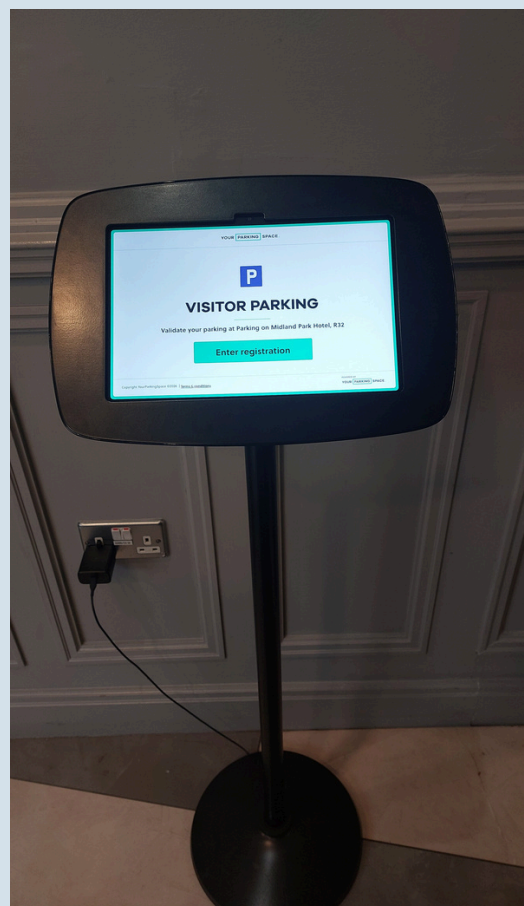
How to Get Here?

Private Transport

Car Parking

Car parking is included with your conference ticket.

Please park in the car park beside the Midlands Park Hotel. The barrier will lift automatically upon arrival. To ensure the barrier lifts again when exiting, please enter your car registration number into the tablet located beside the IASLT table. If you are staying overnight at the hotel, you should do this during check-in at the reception desk.



Electric Cars

The Midlands Park Hotel have Electric Car Charging points available for those wishing to charge their car.

Disability Parking

There are a limited number of disability parking spaces located in the Midlands Park Hotel Car Park.



Thursday Programme

Thursday, 21 May

9am

Registration and Tea & Coffee
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

9:30am

Welcome & Opening Address
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

9:45am

AnneMarie MacRae - Keynote Speaker
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

10:30am

Delicious Dishes: A Patient-Centred
Approach to the Texture-Modified Diet
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

11am

Break
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

11:30am

Supporting Service Users' Rights
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Voice in Practice: From Evidence to Impact
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Speech Sound Development: Evidence,
Practice & Impact
Tobii Dynavox Maryborough Suite 2

12:35pm

Partnering with Families: Supporting
Communication Together
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Building Better Care: Integration in Practice
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Inspiring Early Connections: Feeding,
Communication & Care
Tobii Dynavox Maryborough Suite 2

1:30pm

Lunch
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

2pm

Virtual Poster viewing session
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

2:10pm

Poster session
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

2:15pm

Dr Katherine Broomfield Keynote Speaker
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

3:05pm

AAC: Building Connections, Enabling Voices
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Integrated EDS difficulty management:
Across Community and Acute Settings
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Evidence to Practice in Paediatric Eating,
Drining & Swallowing
Tobii Dynavox Maryborough Suite 2

4:25pm

Panel discussion
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

5:30pm

IASLT awards and drinks reception
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite



Friday Programme

Friday, 22 May

8:45am

Registration, teas & Coffee
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

9:15am

Welcome and Introduction
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

9:20am

David Robert Grimes - Keynote Speaker
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

10:20am

Adult Communication: From Evidence to
Everyday Practice
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Maximising Impact in Early Language
Intervention: Evidence and Practice
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Next Steps in SLT in Education: Innovation
and Impact
Tobii Dynavox Barrow Suite

11:20am

Break
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

11:45am

Building Inclusive Connections in SLT
Education and Practice
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Connecting Evidence and Practice in DLD
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Supporting Neurodiversity in Practice
Tobii Dynavox Barrow Suite

1pm

Lunch
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

1:30pm

Poster viewing session
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

1:45pm

Dr. Julie Regan - Keynote Speaker
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

2:35pm

EDS Across Settings: Evidence, Risk &
Innovation
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

Advancing Inclusive Practice in Children's
Disability Services
Constellation Healthcare O'Moore Suite

Advancing Access to Justice:
Communication Matters
Tobii Dynavox Barrow Suite

3:35pm

Derval McDonagh Closing Keynote
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1

4:15pm

Awards and closing remarks
Nutricia Maryborough Suite 1



What to Expect?

Entrance

This is what the entrance will look like.



What to Expect:

- Keynote sessions, presentations and panels discussions
- Participation is always optional – questions can be submitted via the conference app
- Helpful staff with – laynyards.



What to Expect?

Spaces



Exhibitor Lobby: Busy area with a number of exhibitor tables



Catering Area: within exhibitor lobby, food and drinks provided. There is also outside patio space for breaks.



Sensory Space: Image not exact. It will be a meeting room with comfortable seating.

What to Expect?

Spaces



Nutricia Maryborough Room:
Keynotes and large sessions



**Constellation Healthcare
O'Moore suite:**
Parallel session room



Tobii Dynavox Barrow suite:
Parallel session

Preference Badges

In your delegate bag, you'll find an optional badge you may choose to wear if you'd like, to let others know your preferred communication style for the day.

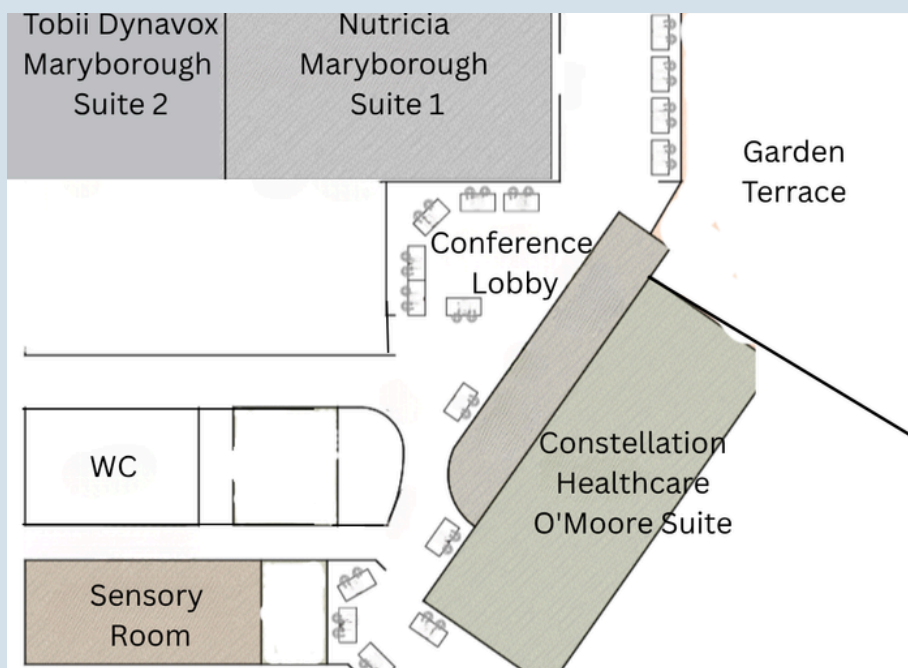


Take a Break

You are welcome to engage in whatever way feels comfortable, including spending time alone or in quieter areas.

There will be a dedicated sensory space located in Dunamise Room 3.

- Sensory Area will be available all day
- There is no expectation to introduce yourself to others or participate in group conversations.
- You are welcome to engage in whatever way feels comfortable



Food

You are welcome to bring your own food.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided during scheduled breaks.

- Food options will include a range of dietary requirements
- Queues may form during peak times
- Catering options have been designed to be eating while standing.
- Please note that boxes are intentionally lighter portions, so delegates are very welcome to take more than one. There will be plenty available, with several options to choose from.
- If you indicated specific dietary requirements during registration, these have been communicated to the hotel and arrangements have been made to accommodate you. Please make yourself known to a member of the hotel staff and they will be happy to assist you.

There will be drinking water in each of the rooms and lobby.



Safety

There will be lots of people at the event who can help you if need any support.

This is what they will be wearing!



In the event of an emergency, staff will provide clear instructions.

- Exits are clearly marked
- Staff are trained to support evacuation procedures
- Please follow staff guidance in any emergency situation

If at any point you need to leave the event, you may do so.



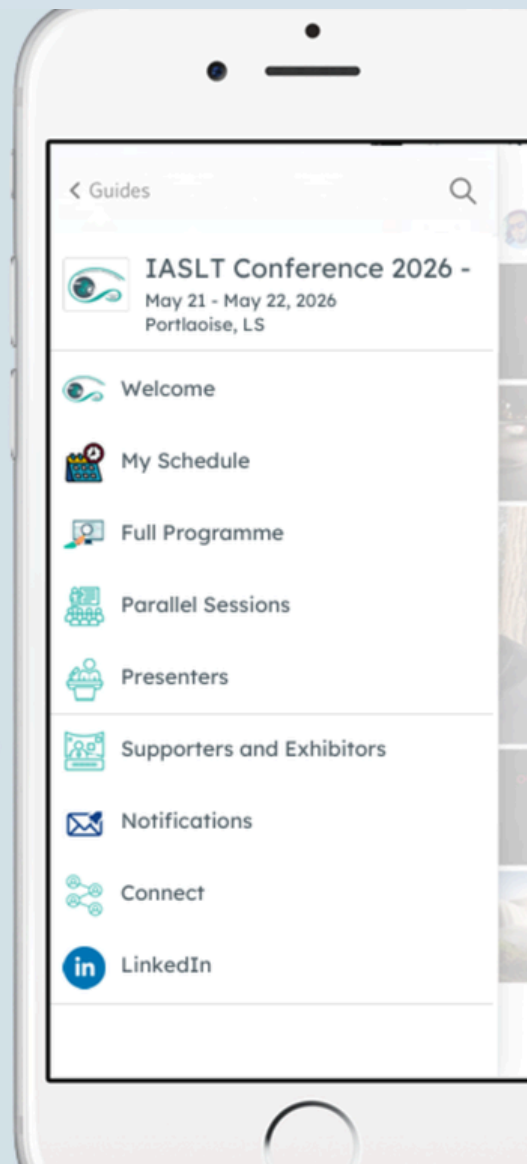
Conference App

Please download the conference app prior to arrival using the instructions below.

The app will allow you to:

- create a personalised conference schedule,
- ask questions to presenters,
- vote for best oral and poster presentations,
- submit feedback, and access your certificate of attendance.

- **Download the Ex Ordo app from the App Store or Google Play.**
- **Open the app, then create an account or log in.**
- **Go to the Find Guides tab, select Have a Passphrase, and enter: `iaslt2026`**



Additional Information

What to bring

- Your mobile phone and a charger
- A water bottle
- Any comfort items you may need (e.g. headphones, fidgets)

Dress code

There is no formal dress code. Wear whatever feels comfortable for you.

Accessibility

The venue is wheelchair accessible. If you have specific accessibility requirements, please let us know in advance so we can support you.

Questions?

If you have a question on the day, please go to the IASLT table or ask one of our friendly team!



Additional Information

We want this to be a welcoming and flexible experience for everyone.

There is no single “right way” to attend this conference. You may engage fully, take frequent breaks, observe quietly, or move between all of these as needed.

Your presence is valued, however you choose to participate.

We're glad you're here.





Have A Question?

Email us on:
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