HCA UK HEARING CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

LISTEN UP CONFERENCE 2026

Tuesday 3rd November | Manchester

Conference Programme

08:00 - 09:20	Registration and Exhibition	
09:20 - 09:30	Welcome	

Hearing Health, Inclusion and Public Awareness

09:30 - 09:50	There's more to hearing healthcare than hearing aids and 'do nothing': the HearChoicestudy	**Dr. Melanie Ferguson** (Curtin University, Australia)
09:50 - 10:10	Don't Lose the Music: Engaging Gen Z to Protect Their Hearing	**Franki Oliver** (RNID)
10:10 - 10:30	Noise Annoys: How Sound Shapes Human Experience	**Andrea Harman** (Saint-Gobain Ecophon)
10:30 - 10:50	Association Between Hearing Impairment and Depression Among Older Adults: A Systematic Review	**Christian Nwachukwu** (The University of Greenwich)
10:50 - 11:10	Morning Break and Exhibitor Viewing	

Hearing Assessment and Surveillance

11:10 - 11:30	Back to the Baseline: Transforming Hearing Health Surveillance Across UK Defence	**Dr Courtney Roberts** (MOD)
11:30 - 11:50	An Audiology view of OH practices	**Helen Nuttall** (British Society of Audiology)
11:50 - 12:10	What Are Safe Noise Exposures for Hearing Aid Users?	**Richard Johns & Steve bell** (Noise Network Plus)
12:10 - 12:30	Effects of recreational noise exposure on the hearing health of young people	**Prof. Chris Plack** (The University of Manchester)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and Exhibitor Viewing	

Please note that this programme is subject to change

Policy, Risk Management and Legal Perspectives

13:30 - 13:50	HSE Workplace Noise Campaign update	**Chris Steel** (HSE)
13:50 - 14:10	Noise risk management: Return on Investment (ROI). You should know this - but you probably don't...	**Peter Wilson** (INVC)
14:10 - 14:30	How Case Law Has Contributed to Claims for Hearing Damage	**Dick Bowdler** (Dick Bowdler Acoustics)
14:30 - 14:50	Afternoon Break and Exhibitor Viewing	

Prevention, Protection and Safe Listening

14:50 - 15:10	Implementing the WHO Global Standard for Safe Listening Venues and Events at ArcTanGent Festival	**Ian Wiggins** (The University of Nottingham)
15:10 - 15:30	"Amplifying Awareness" and Activities at Download Festival	**Lewis Budden** (Tinnitus UK)
15:30 - 15:50	The Impact of Training on Hearing Protection Attenuation	**Lisa Sjolander** (INVISIO)
15:50 - 16:10	Understanding Hearing Protection Use Among Palestinian Workers: Barriers and Facilitators Using the COM-B Model	**Dr. Adnan Shehabi** (Birzeit University, Palestine)
16:10 - 16:30	Awards Presentation | Hearing Conservation Champions (Deadline Fri 16th Oct)	
16:30 - 16:40	Conference Close	

Meet the Speakers