WILNZ
Work-Integrated Learning New Zealand
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Call for Abstracts
Instructions for Authors

Work-Integrated Learning International Conference
Theme: Thriving Together: Partners & Practice
9-10 April 2024, Wellington

General aims of the conference:
➢ to share research in Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) from New Zealand and Internationally
➢ to explore topical issues in WIL
➢ to share good and/or innovative practice in WIL
➢ to help WIL practitioners and academics enhance their practice, and research

Key dates:
➢ Abstracts for presentations: **By 26th January 2024** (submission prior to Christmas is encouraged)
➢ Papers for conference proceedings: **By 1st March 2024**
Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis and notification provided as soon as possible after submission.

EasyChair submission:
The conference uses the EasyChair online conference management system, for submission of abstracts, conference proceedings papers and return of reviewer feedback. Use the direct link on the conference website or the following: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=wilnz2024

Presentation types (in-person presentations only):
➢ Research presentations (15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions)
➢ Topical issue presentations (10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions)
➢ Good practice presentations (10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions)
➢ Round Table Discussion (30 minutes)

Abstracts
Abstracts are to be a maximum 400 words, excluding the title.
The abstract is to be submitted as a Word document and follow the outlined structure for each presentation type.

Research Presentations
Research presentations must report original research. The presentation may relate to preliminary findings, but should include a review of the literature, a description of the method, and the rationale for the work. Implications of the research and how it might inform or improve WIL practice generally should be discussed. In the abstract, a statement related to ethics approval from the relevant organisation needs to be included (e.g., Ethics Approval ##). In-text citation is encouraged but a reference list is not required.

The following headings are required for a Research Presentation abstract:
• Presentation type (i.e., Research presentation)
• Title
• Introduction (including research aim)

- Literature
- Methods, including ethics statement
- Results
- Conclusions

Topical Issue Presentations

Topical Issue presentations must discuss issues of interest to WIL practitioners (e.g., assessment issues in WIL; encouraging reflective practice in WIL students). The abstract should be supported by relevant literature and discuss implications of the issue and how it might inform and improve WIL practice generally. In-text citation is encouraged but a reference list is not required.

The following headings are required for a Topical Issue abstract:

- Title
- Background/Introduction (including aim of the presentation and relevant literature)
- Brief description of the topical issue
- Discussion
- Implications for the WIL community

Good Practice Presentations

A Good Practice presentation should focus on new, unique, or innovative practices in WIL (e.g., a novel way of preparing students for interviews), rather than a specific program or course at an academic institution. The practice described should detail the innovation/practice and how it might inform and improve WIL practice. In-text citation is encouraged but a reference list is not required.

The following headings are required for a Good practice Abstract:
- Title
- Background/Introduction (including aim of the presentation and relevant literature)
- Brief description of the new, unique or innovative practice
- Discussion
- Implications for the WIL community

Round table Discussion

A Round Table Discussion should be focused on aspects related to WIL and the theme of the conference. Audience interaction is expected.

The following headings are required for a Round Table Discussion Abstract:

- The focus topic for discussion
- Relevant background
- Planned structure of the 30 min session
- Outline of audience interaction.

Conference Proceedings:
Presenters are encouraged to submit a 1500–1800-word paper to be considered for publication in the Conference Proceedings. To be included in the Conference Proceedings authors must also

present at the conference. Further details for guidelines and formatting instructions for Conference Proceedings papers can be found on the website: https://www.wilnz.nz/