

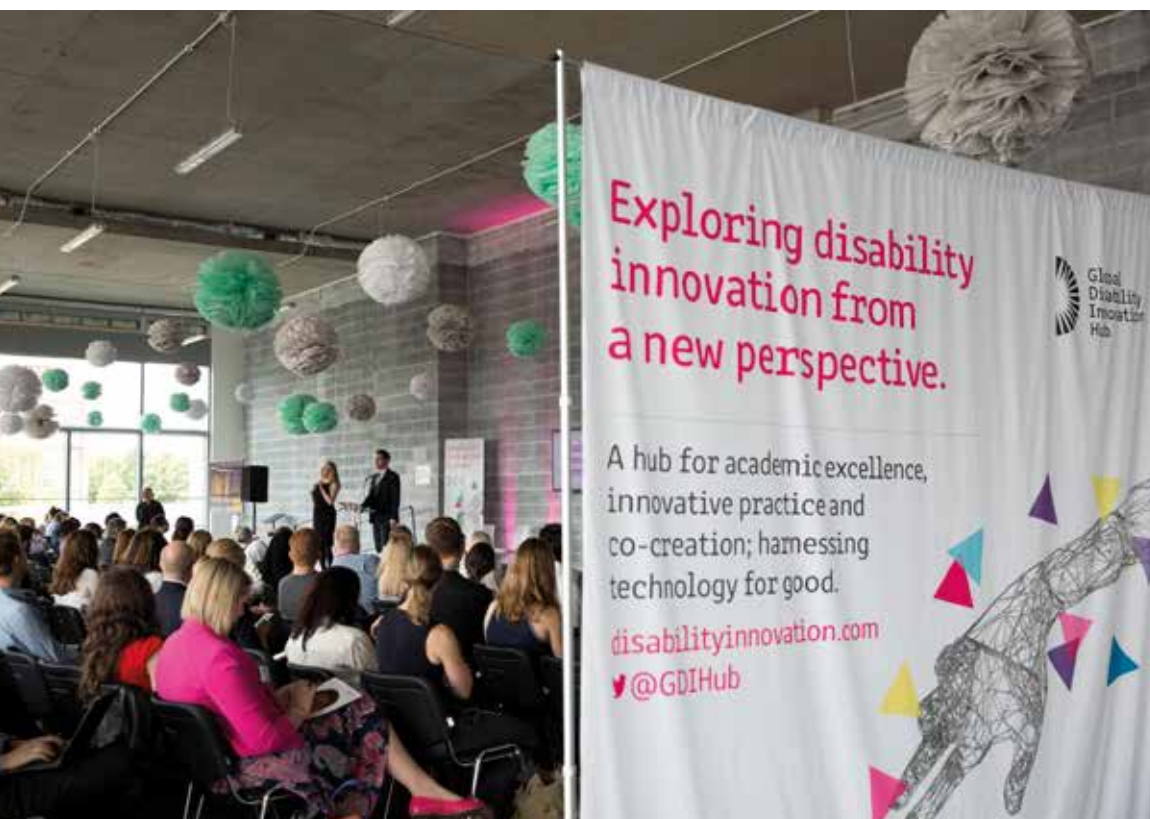
Disability Innovation Summit

Call for ideas



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scalable disability innovation?

Image: 2017 Disability Innovation Summit.
Photo credit: Isabel Infantes.



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Disability Innovation Summit 2020

In August 2020 the Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub) and the British Council will co-host the second Disability Innovation Summit on the eve of the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo, in partnership with the WHO Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) Initiative and Keio University.

The event will explore breakthroughs in scalable technology, innovation and culture, and its ability to create global impact. It will be an opportunity to bring together global experts and emerging talent to explore the future of disability innovation and its potential to change lives around the world.

Image: British Digital Artist Jason Wilsher-Mills at the 2017 summit.
Photo credit: Isabel Infantes.



Call for ideas

The Disability Innovation Summit is all about new ideas, brilliant initiatives and creative solutions. We're looking for the best of these to join the event as a presentation, showcase or display.

Students, entrepreneurs, organisations, businesses and start-ups are encouraged to submit an idea, talk, concept, exhibition piece or experience.

Submissions should look to answer the following question:

How can we accelerate scalable disability innovation?

We're looking for;

- Products or ideas that are ready to go to market
- Initiatives that have the ability to be scaled
- Tangible solutions that can have the biggest impact
- People with a passion to collaborate globally

Submissions from disabled people, innovators, young people, start-ups, collaborative groups and international applicants are strongly encouraged.

Submission type

The Disability Innovation Summit is a collaborative event. To maximise the range of topics and content submissions are possible across the following areas of the summit;

Talks – presenting specific concepts or work

Engagement sessions – discussion opportunities

Exhibition space - Displaying products or services

Topics

Fusing science, technology, the arts, sport, design and culture the Disability Innovation Summit provides a dynamic platform for discussion, an opportunity to share successes, challenges and learnings.

Content is multidisciplinary and all presenters will be asked to focus on their vision for the future, with an emphasis on looking at the opportunities ahead and the potential to scale ideas for global impact.

The Disability Innovation Summit is focused around three key topics;

Innovation

Technology

Culture

Submissions are encouraged across a wide range of areas, which could include (but not limited to);

- Assistive Technology
- Social Development
- Digital Products and Services
- Technology Transfer
- Disability Inclusive International Development
- Inclusive Design
- Arts and Culture
- Accessibility of the Built Environment
- Sport
- Business
- Human Computer Interaction
- Accessible Housing
- Hidden Disabilities
- Inclusive Workplaces

The purpose of the Disability Innovation Summit is to challenge, build collaboration and begin conversations. We're looking for submissions that are new, transformative and genuinely scalable. Challenge us!

Submission process

Submissions open – 17th October 2019

Submissions close – 1st April 2020

Digital submissions will take place via an online form.

Contributors can select a preference for submission type; talks, engagement session or exhibition space.

Submissions can be academic, product, ideas or experienced based, in the format of a paper, video, poster display, artwork or an tech display.

Submissions should be no more than 5,000 words in length, and written in an accessible style suitable for policy and practitioner, as well as academic and community audiences.

Formal presentations at the summit will take the form of short accessible talks; standard length will be 10-15 minutes. Power point presentations will only be used if visual content is essential to the topic being presented.

We're looking for the ideas, passion and individual to take centre stage. Power point presentations will be kept to a minimum throughout the summit to maximise audience connection and ensure content is accessible for streaming audiences.

We encourage speakers to share challenges as well as successes. Tell us what went right, and what went wrong. Helps others to learn from your experiences.

The digital submission form will contain a number of questions, outlined in the following pages of this document. Fill in the sections that are relevant to your proposal.

We recommend writing your submission in word format and copying to the form once complete. You will not be able to save the form prior to submission, so we advise against constructing your application on the form itself.

Selection

Submissions will be reviewed by the Global Disability Innovation Hub's academic board and summit working group. Selection will take place in April 2020.

Successful candidates will be invited to present or showcase their work at the Disability Innovation Summit in Tokyo.

Unfortunately the GDI Hub and partners are unable to fund transport or accommodation costs for this event.

The information you provide in your submission will be used to assess your proposal. For successful applications, key details such as the talk title, abstract and description will be used in summit materials and the website. These will provide an overview of your talk, break-out session or exhibition to those attending and the general public.

For successful candidates there will be an opportunity to update this information prior to publication. This is especially relevant for projects that are likely to evolve between now and the summit date.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Image: Breakout session at the 2017 summit. Photo credit: Isabel Infantes.



Why submit

The Disability Innovation Summit provides a unique opportunity to showcase your work, designs, products or ideas to the disability innovation community globally. This includes;

- Securing exposure within the disability innovation community globally
- Reaching new audiences from around the world
- Building multidisciplinary interactions and relationships
- Presenting alongside industry leaders, emerging talent and establish sector experts
- Raising the profile of existing work and building new contacts
- Engaging global innovators and decision makers
- Building relationships with businesses and organisations beyond the summit
- Unique feedback; gain input and insight from a variety of sectors
- Platform for growth; engage with an audience of decision makers

Image: Call for papers speaker 2017 summit. Photo credit: Isabel Infantes.



Who should submit

Applications are encouraged from a wider variety of sectors, including but not exclusive to:

- DPO's
- Academics
- Innovators
- Entrepreneurs
- Community organisations
- Start-ups
- Charities
- Policymakers
- NGO's
- International organisations
- Businesses
- Think tanks
- Individuals
- Sports people

Submission options

Submissions should be made via the online form. Additional information or attachments can be provided via email.

Submissions can be in the format of a paper, video, poster display or artwork.

Please get in contact if you would prefer to submit in another format.

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Why Tokyo 2020?

The Paralympic Games represents the forefront of assistive technology in the sporting world, the pinnacle of design, technology and research. It drives forward innovation, engages communities globally and generates a platform for change. Beyond sport disability innovation is expanding on an international scale. Businesses, governments and organisations are recognising the power of disabled audiences, the impact of accessibility, the benefit of inclusive design and the opportunities created by technological advancements.

The Disability Innovation Summit will look at the global potential of this movement; the latest products and services, thinking and research, approaches and outputs. It's a unique opportunity for multi-disciplinary sector engagement, to accelerate disability innovation on a global scale.

In 2017 the GDI Hub hosted the inaugural Disability Innovation Summit, alongside the Para-athletic Championships on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The event showcased leading products, initiatives, research and ideas - bringing together the disability innovation community across the academic, governmental, business, NGO's, sports and media sectors. Introducing a new collaborative and multi-disciplinary approach to disability innovation, the event created a platform for new ideas, a forum to share successes and the opportunity to learn from others.

Image: Giles Long MBE. British paralympic swimmer, TV presenter and inventor of the LEXI system for paralympic classifications.

Photo credit: Isabel Infantes.



Submission questions

The following questions will make up the Call for Ideas online form;

- Personal and contact information (name, email)
- Organisation / Academic Institution
- Personal biog; brief background of individual (max 300 words, links to external website/linkedin can be provided)
- Personal summery; if successful this will be used on the event website as a biog (max 75 words)
- Type of application: Talk, Engagement Session or Exhibition
- Title: No more than 10 words
- Idea submission; full description of the product, idea or innovation being proposed (max 500 words)
- Idea overview; short idea description of concept for website (max 150 words)
- Partners and contributors
- Any equipment or resources required
- Any other information

