

Conference roundup

Learning Solutions Conference and Expo

The Learning Solutions Conference and Expo took place on March 26-29, 2019 at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL, USA <https://elearningindustry.com/elearning-events/learning-solutions-2019-conference-expo>. It aims to provide real solutions to create new strategies, increase engagement, and leverage the power of learning technologies. Keynote speakers include Sarah Prevette, Baratunde Thurston, and Sarah Lewis; a whole range of featured sessions take place where industry leaders will take to the stage together to share their viewpoints on key themes within learning and development, they will explore the following topics:

- the future of work;
- microlearning;
- accessible design;
- AR/VR;
- instructional design; and
- learning and technology.

ATD 2019 International Conference and Exposition

The ATD 2019 International Conference and Exposition takes place on May 19-22 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, WA, DC, USA <https://atdconference.td.org/>. Attendees will gain insights into the latest trends, best practices, and new solutions for designing, delivering, implementing, and measuring learning programs. ATD 2019 covers all industry subjects and provides in-depth guidance for what attendees need to know to be successful. The keynote speakers include Oprah Winfrey, Seth Godin, and Eric Whitacre. There are preconference sessions of focused learning at workshops and certificate programs and over 300 education sessions following the content tracks of the conference:

- career development;
- global perspectives;
- instructional design;
- leadership development;
- learning technologies;
- learning measurement and analytics;
- management;
- managing the learning function;

- sales enablement;
- science of learning;
- talent management; and
- training delivery.

The Twenty-sixth International Conference on Learning

The Learner's Twenty-sixth International Conference on Learning: Learning to Make a Social Difference, takes place on July 24-26th at Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK <https://thelearner.com/2019-conference>. Plenary speakers include Joanne Hughes, Nóra Révai, and Stephen Hughes. With its special focus on Learning to Make a Social Difference, the conference is focusing on the following annual themes:

- pedagogy and curriculum;
- assessment and evaluation;
- educational organization and leadership;
- early childhood learning;
- learning in higher education;
- adult, community, and professional learning;
- learner diversity and identities;
- technologies in learning;
- literacies learning; and
- science, mathematics, and technology learning.

There is a deadline of March 29 to submit to the Emerging Scholar Award, which are given to outstanding graduate students and emerging scholars with an active research interest in the conference themes. The award provides a strong professional development opportunity for early career academics, allowing them to meet experts in the field, interact with colleagues from around the world, allowing for great networks and lasting connections. Awardees are invited to attend the conference to present their work and play a critical organization role in the conference by leading discussions, chairing parallel sessions, and providing assistance in session rooms.

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