

## Thursday 10 September 2026

**The Contact Theatre, The University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL**

*8.00-8.45: Registration/tea/coffee*

8.45- 9.00: **Welcome** by Gaby Saunders

9.00-10:00: Invited presentation by Lauren Hadley Ph.D., University of Nottingham.  
**More Than Words: How Listener Characteristics Shape Speech Perception and Auditory Rehabilitation**

10:00-11:00: Submitted papers x 3

*11:00- 11.40: Coffee break and networking*

11.40-13:00: Submitted papers x 4

*13:00-14.00: Lunch – on your own*

14.00-15:00: Invited presentation by Charlotte Vercammen, PhD. Sonova AG; The University of Manchester; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. **Inclusive AI across the Patient Journey: Global Data, Standardization, and Bias**

15.00 – 16.00: Submitted papers x 3

*16.00-16.40: Tea break*

16.40-17.20: Submitted papers x 2

17:20-21:00: Poster session, networking, and dinner

## Friday 11 September 2026

*8.30-9.00: Registration/tea/coffee*

9.00-10.00: Invited presentation by Kai Uus, MD., PhD. The University of Manchester.  
**Diversity, genetics, gene therapies**

10.00-11.00: Submitted papers x 3

*11.00-11.40: Coffee break*

11.40-13.00: Panel discussion with members of local communities. Moderator: Suhani Pattanshetti **Understanding Cultural Influences on Hearing Care Engagement.**

*13.00-14.0: Lunch – on your own*

14.00-15.00: Invited presentation by Lauren Dillard, PhD. **Not Just Hearing: How Culture and Lived Experience Shape Responses to Hearing Loss and Care.**

15.00-16.00: Submitted papers x 3

16.05-16.15: **Conference close** – Gaby Saunders