## **Book now for the 2022 ASE Annual Conference!**

## Sheffield Hallam University, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> January, with International Day Online on 12<sup>th</sup> January

ASE's largest professional development event, and the biggest science education conference in Europe, takes place in a couple of months' time – have you booked your ticket yet?

The online digital programme can be viewed at https:// aseannualconference2022shu.sched.com/

Wednesday 5th January hosts an Early Career Teacher (ECT) afternoon, with sessions specifically curated for newly qualified, recently qualified and trainee teachers - indeed, anyone within the first 3 years of their science teaching career pathway. Due to generous sponsorship from the Royal Society of Chemistry, we are delighted to include sessions on Differentiation, Assessment, SEND and many more. The day is rounded off with a drinks and nibbles networking event to welcome delegates into our ASE community. Log into Sched to view more information and register for your ticket to attend at www.ase.org.uk/aseconf2022

The Conference programme offers an inspirational mixture of sessions, including keynotes and panels, for anyone interested in the teaching and learning of science. Be sure to attend one of the **Frontier Science Lectures** presented by Sheffield Hallam's leading researchers, which feature from Thursday to Saturday inclusive.

Thursday has a dedicated Technicians' Day (tech members' prices are from £35 for a half day to £49 for a full day). as well as a Post-16 Day, along with a great variety of sessions for our primary and 11-19 educators - there are Futures Group sessions for those with an interest in ITE too. Thursday evening hosts the ASE Members Reception at 17:45, and a social event with a bar and a variety of Street Food vendors offering culinary delights from around the world, accompanied by music from the Doncaster Youth Jazz Association's Swing Orchestra. The social is free for registered Conference participants, but numbers are limited so be sure to add your name to Eventbrite if you want to participate.

Friday hosts the majority of the Conference's primary offering of sessions underpinned by themes including Diversity, Sustainability, Cross-curricular science and Outdoor Learning, along with a broad range of sessions for 11-19 and all audiences. ASE's ever-popular Schools' Exhibition takes place from 9:00 to midday and Primary Pop-Up is scheduled for an hour at 14:00. The 'Ask a Scientist' session at 16:45 interviews Dr. Thushan de Silva, as he talks about the important work that he has been doing on SARS-CoV-2 research and his clinical service on COVID-19 wards.

On Friday evening, we have the **Conference Dinner** with special guest speaker, meteorologist Laura Tobin from ITV's Good Morning Britain, who is planning to talk about climate change. There is also a 'Party in the Atrium', with free music, fun and a pop-up bar, but places are limited so be sure to add your name to Eventbrite if you want to join in the fun.

**Super Science Saturday** gets us off to a great start with a morning keynote on *Bringing Science Stories to Life Through*  Books and Films, with world-renowned author Tracy Chevalier participating. At midday, ASE's Annual General Meeting takes place and, at 13:00 hours, we hear from Jasper Green HMI, Ofsted, about the latest subject report. The Primary TeachMeet takes place at 14:00 hours and 11-19 Committee's popular Teacher Takeaway sessions supporting first time presenters feature in the afternoon. The ASE's specialist Research Group hosts of number of sessions too, throughout the day.

From Thursday to Saturday the ASE's **Exhibition** features a variety of suppliers, awarding bodies, publishers, manufacturers and organisations providing all manner of services to science education, many of whom will have exclusive offers and competitions, or giveaways exclusive to Conference. Entry to the exhibition is free for those registered on Eventbrite. Be sure to visit the ASE Hub and Bookstand just outside the café area on Owen Building Level 6, to meet members of the ASE team, have a chat and browse special offers, or even meet an author and get a book signed!

Participants' health, safety and comfort during the Conference is the ASE's priority, so please do visit our **Covid Awareness** information at: www.ase. org.uk/annual-conference-2022-covid-measures

Our online International Day will be held online on Wednesday 12th January – be sure to join us for a truly global offering of insights into worldwide science education, presented by speakers from Australia, Japan, Norway, Holland, Sweden and many other countries. Prices start at £50 for ASE members to attend the full day online.

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