2027 BSPS Conference
1-3 September 2027
Loughborough University
CALL FOR CONVENORS
Submit here by 13 January

The British Society for Population Studies welcomes **your proposals for sessions and strands** at its 2027 Conference.

Any topic area of population studies is welcome. For example:

- Ageing
- Critical demography
- Data and methods, including AI
- Disability
- Environment and climate change
- Ethnicity
- Families and households
- Fertility and SRH
- Gendered aspects of demography, including women's health
- Historical demography
- Migration
- Mortality and health
- Official statistics
- Philosophical and political aspects of demography
- Queer demography
- Spatial demography and housing

See previous Conference programmes here.

Please propose any format that you feel suits the material and people you would like to bring together, e.g.:

- 60 or 90 minute session with 3-5 papers & Q&A (most frequent format)
- Workshops and training sessions
- Panel sessions or 'in conversation' formats
- Networking/conversation/meet-up sessions
- Flash sessions
- Evening or lunchtime activities

A strand is a series of themed sessions.

The Society is committed to widening use of and participation in population studies. Council welcomes sessions aimed at specific audiences, for example early-career researchers, local authorities, non-governmental and third sector bodies, policy makers. Bursaries are available to cover registration costs for colleagues who need them at all career

stages: applications will open in the new year.

A topic area must receive at least 4 high-quality submissions to be viable. You may be asked to convene together with colleagues who have made submissions in similar or related topic areas.

Cultural and social opportunities at Loughborough include sporting facilities, outdoor gym equipment, local scenery and nearby historic attractions such as the bell foundry. Proposals to lead elements of the cultural programme are also welcome. This might be an activity for delegates to enjoy after dinner (music, quiz etc); something active over lunch (walk, outdoor gym or museum visit), a parallel session taking in local geography/history, or another suggestion.

When planning your proposal, be ready to:

- Advertise the conference and your session/s, actively seeking papers outside of the regular call for papers [February – April 2027]
- Assess submissions and bursary requests, and allocate accepted papers into a session or sessions [April/May 2027]
- Communicate with other convenors to ensure papers reach the right session and support a coherent overall programme [Before and after the call for papers i.e. Jan/Feb and April/May]
- Communicate acceptances and the provisional programme to presenting authors; managing replacements if needed [May/June 2027]
- Identify session chairs and ensure chairs and presenters have the information required for their session [June/July 2027]

Please submit your suggestions by 5pm, Wednesday 13 January 2027 at:

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