



Brass Bands  
England

# Call for Contributors

## The Brass Band Conference 2022: Banding for Life

The Brass Band Conference is for anyone and everyone involved in the world of banding. To ensure that the programme reflects this, we need to hear from **you**. We welcome input from leading voices in our community, including top section bands and also those leading the way in education, community engagement, diversity and inclusion.

The Brass Band Conference 2022 will take place on **Saturday 22 October 2022** at The Life Centre in Sale, Manchester for an in-person and online audience. Following previous conference themes of Contesting, Resilience & Sustainability and Improving Our Art, this year's focus is **Banding for Life**.

Brass Bands England Staff and Trustees are now inviting relevant proposals for content sessions that can be delivered, from the brass banding community and beyond that seek to share best practice and promote forward-thinking ideas. Our aim is to curate a diverse, inspiring programme full of relevant insights that opens up discussion, challenges thinking and encourages critical reflection. The programme will seek to include a mix of talks from thought leaders; practical workshops; discussion and creative elements.

Although this theme is not exclusively about education, the importance of learning through banding as a young person and later in life will be highlighted throughout the conference. In your proposal please specify whether your contribution is focused towards Youth Education or Adult Education. Let's work together for an inclusive and sustainable future for banding in the UK.



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## Session formats:

Conference sessions or presentations (of between 30 and 60 minutes) can take the form of:

- Practical workshops
- Insight and discussion sessions
- Sharing of learning through media such as a film
- Presentation

## Programme Criteria

The overall programme will be curated to encourage a diverse range of presenters, perspectives and topics. **Strong proposals will feature:**

- Clear links to the conference theme
- Presenters with relevant knowledge and experience
- Creative and inspiring delivery approaches
- Aspects relating to diversity and inclusion in banding

## Submitting a Proposal

Conference proposals will be accepted until **Friday 18 February 2022** [using this form](#).  
Conference presenters will receive:

- Free attendance to the in-person conference day
- Promotion of work presented at the conference
- Reasonable travel expenses
- Speakers fees will be available for independent or freelance presenters

For an informal conversation about the conference and your proposal please contact Brass Bands England's Education and Development Manager Sarah Baumann on [sarah@bbe.org.uk](mailto:sarah@bbe.org.uk).