

Call for abstracts Citizen Science 4 Health Conference

The first global Citizen Science for Health Conference (CS4H) will take place on October 29th – November 1st 2023 at the University of Twente in Enschede, The Netherlands. The aim of the conference is to provide a state of the art of the CS4H domain and establish a bridge between long- standing traditions on patient participation in health research to more recent and intensive modes of citizen science in health.

The conference focuses on different kinds of multidisciplinary scientific collaborations between citizens, patients, medical staff, health care providers, researchers, students, policy makers, funding agencies, companies, etc. This includes approaches such as citizen science, personal science, patient involvement, inclusive research and community-based health research. The language of the conference is English.

Currently, we are inviting submissions for conference abstracts. You are welcome to submit multiple abstracts, up to a maximum of four.

# Interactive formats

The conference will have an interactive character. This means that - aside from keynote lectures - we will organize parallel sessions, with formats including Workshops, Solution rooms, Posters, and Showcases.

For all formats the conference organizers can provide materials such as paper, pens, markers, post- its/sticky notes, etc. Depending on availability, the conference may be able to offer Lego sets or digital screens. Please indicate your desired materials while submitting an abstract.

*Workshops*

Are you interested in sharing good practices with other communities? Do you want to organize a workshop to spread the word or let people experience your methodology? A workshop lasts 90 minutes and can have up to four presenters. The maximum number of participants is twenty. Please keep in mind that the conference targets a broad audience.

The abstract is limited to 500 words and should include the title, presenters, theme or question that will be addressed, the intended methods and content of the workshop, and the potential benefits for participants.

*Solution rooms*

Due to the novelty of citizen science approaches in healthcare, you might run into challenges. The same ones that are, perhaps, also encountered by others. Do you want to explore these challenges with others? Do you need input and feedback on a specific topic? Or do you want to hear how others dealt with a challenge? Solution rooms can be utilized to use the expertise and experience of participants towards tackling the challenge or exploring a topic. Solution rooms last 20 minutes and can have up to two organizers. A maximum of 10 participants can participate. The sessions can be designed according to the needs of the organizers and, if necessary, organizers can bring tools or materials to support the session.

The abstract is limited to 250 words and should include the theme or question that will be addressed, the intended methods and content of the solution rooms, and the aim of the session.

*Poster sessions*

Share the results of your projects, present the approach that you took in your work, address an issue related to citizen science for health. Inform others on the latest insights and recent outcomes.

Posters can be either in portrait or landscape format and are supported up to A0 format. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference. Presenters will be asked to be available during specific moments.

The abstract is limited to 250 words and should include the title of the poster, and the content of the poster.

*Showcases*

Do you have a tool/device/product/platform/service etc. to support others in their research? Are you interested in showcasing it? During a showcase you can demonstrate or present your intervention to the conference audience.

The abstract is limited to 150 words and should include the (description of the) showcase, the potential benefit for the conference audience, and the requirements for the set-up of the showcase (i.e., space, power outlets, etc.).

# Themes

We welcome abstracts on all themes related to citizen science for health, either on the (scientific) outcomes of projects or on the process and requirements of citizen science for health. Possible themes include (but are not limited to):

* (Scientific) outcomes of citizen science projects in the health domain;
* Research methods and toolkits (apps, e-health devices) to conduct CS research in the health domain;
* Impact creation (societal impact, policy impact, impact on the patients etc.);
* Communication and dissemination of citizen science results (both during the research process and afterwards);
* Ethical and legal issues in citizen science for health (for all stakeholders, i.e. citizens, patients, health care providers, researchers, policy makers, funding agencies, companies, etc.);
* Equal collaboration in citizen science for health (challenges, benefits for all, inclusivity, etc.);
* Data (open/FAIR data, infrastructure and ownership);
* Organizing and facilitating citizen science for health (connecting with libraries, universities, schools, hospitals, digital platforms etc.).

# Eligibility criteria

All abstracts will be screened for eligibility with an emphasis on the collaboration between citizens and researchers, a clear and relevant proposal for the session, innovative aspects, and relevance and impact.

# Important dates:

Abstract submission open: April 21, 2023

Abstract submission deadline: Wednesday May 31, 2023 23:59 CEST

Extended abstract submission deadline: Sunday June 18, 2023 23:59 CEST

Acceptance notification: Friday July 14, 2023

Registration open: Friday July 14, 2023

Registration deadline: October 28, 2023 23:59 CEST

We will keep you updated on the conference via [www.citizenscience4health.nl](http://www.citizenscience4health.nl/)

For further questions please contact Michelle de Boer, conference manager via citizen- science@utwente.nl

Best regards, on behalf of the organizing committee,

Sabine Wildevuur, conference chair Michelle de Boer, conference manager



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