



INVITATION TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR A STANDARD ORAL, POSTER OR SPEED PRESENTATION AT THE 11TH IRISH BAT CONFERENCE

21st and 22nd March 2026

Riddel Hall, Queens University Belfast, 185 Stranmillis Road, Northern Ireland BT9 5EE

Presenters are expected to register and attend the conference in person.

We are inviting submissions of abstracts from individuals, academics, bat groups, consultancies and conservation professionals on any bat research topics for standard oral and poster presentations. These can address work that was carried out in Ireland or from bat workers/researchers abroad with links or relevance to Ireland.

In 2026 we would also like to have a bat mitigation and conservation information-sharing session during the conference with examples of successful bat mitigation and conservation works from environmental consultancies, state agencies and others. If you or your group were involved in mitigation or conservation projects (e.g. bat exclusion and successful rehousing, landscaping of sites for bats, bat-sensitive lighting schemes, confirmed reduction of bat casualties at wind farms etc.) that can be summarised in a 5 minute **SPEED PRESENTATION** with photographic illustrations please consider submitting an abstract to this bat conference. Confirmation that the mitigation was followed up with subsequent monitoring will be considered as part of the abstract review process.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please adhere to the guidelines below in drawing up your abstract. Email your abstract to niamhr@batconservationireland.org by Wednesday February 4th 2026 at 5pm

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS FOR STANDARD ORAL, POSTER AND SPEED PRESENTATIONS

Consider the audience first: The conference will be attended mainly by Irish conservation professionals, voluntary bat workers, academics, students. Members of other professions such as planners and engineers who have no prior bat knowledge may also be present. Backgrounds vary widely and even though most are likely to be knowledgeable on conservation and ecology issues, a knowledge of cellular biology, genetics or bat species present in other countries for example, should not be assumed. Legislation not pertaining to the Republic or Northern Ireland may also need to be explained. I will be happy to help if you need information.

ABSTRACTS FOR SPEED PRESENTATIONS ON MITIGATION/CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Specify your preference is a **Speed Presentation**

Title: Description of the work

Authors: In order of citation, each author on a separate line. Each name followed by an affiliation, if any, then an email address for each.

Abstract:

Describe site and proposed development or works; What bats were present and how they might be impacted; Mitigation or conservation works applied to protect bats; Results of follow up monitoring.

Length of Abstract: Not more than 200 words

Layout of Abstract: Please do not include tables or references. Abbreviations should only be used if absolutely necessary and should be defined.

ABSTRACTS FOR STANDARD ORAL (10-12 minute talks) OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Standard Oral / Poster Presentation: Specify your preference

Title: Specific description of the work reported.

Authors: In order of citation, each author on a separate line. Each name followed by an affiliation, if any, then an email address for each.

Content: Should have an introduction (including objectives), experimental methods (if any), results and conclusion. It should not contain phrases such as 'results will be discussed'. Please provide one or two sentences describing the most pertinent results.

Length: Not more than 300 words.

Layout: Please do not include tables or references. Abbreviations should only be used if absolutely necessary and should be defined.