

## BAMT Conference 2020

Conference Newsletter #1

Open Ground: Music Therapy in Collaboration and Exchange  
Queens University Belfast  
3rd – 5th April 2020

I am writing to you as Chair of the Scientific Committee for Belfast 2020. The Scientific Committee is pleased to announce the title for the BAMT conference 2020;

### Open Ground: Music Therapy in Collaboration and Exchange

Music therapy addresses some of the major health and social care challenges of our time. In our work, innovative partnerships and exchanges continually evolve. This conference will give you the opportunity to share and hear about diverse and varied exchanges within the broad context of music therapy. Ideas relating to this theme within our profession are welcome across all dimensions and boundaries of our practice.



The Scientific Committee and Organising Committee have had a productive six months, and continue to work towards the delivery of the conference in April 2020. The Scientific Committee consists of Cathy Warner (SC Chair 2018), Giorgos Tsiris (SC Chair 2022) and music therapy clinicians, innovators, managers and academics. We will also draw on knowledge and ideas from experts by experience and colleagues in related professions. Our Conference Organising Team is Chaired by Trustee Jonathan Booth, and includes the BAMT Chair, members of the BAMT Core Team and colleagues in Northern Ireland.

The call for abstracts will open in August 2019 – look out for emails and announcements from BAMT. We will look forward to receiving your submissions for presentations, workshops, roundtables and poster presentations. After the closing date for submissions, there will be an anonymous review process by the Scientific Committee. New this year, specific themes will be constructed following the review of submissions.

The Scientific Committee will be in touch with further newsletters, and you can follow events on Twitter ([@musictherapyuk](https://twitter.com/musictherapyuk), using #BAMT2020), and Facebook ([@BritishAssocMusicTherapy](https://www.facebook.com/BritishAssocMusicTherapy)).

The conference team look forward to welcoming you to Belfast.

Tessa Watson

Scientific Committee Chair, June 2019