

CALL FOR POSTERS

World Sight Day, Thursday 8th October 2026
Pan Ireland Ophthalmology Day Friday 9th October 2026
Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast

ABOUT THE EVENT

Abstracts are invited for poster presentation at World Sight Day and Pan-Ireland Ophthalmology Conference on 8th-9th October 2026.

The conferences will bring together practitioners and researchers from ophthalmology, optometry, visual sciences and imaging. The aim is to provide a platform to promote the advancement, knowledge and treatment of eye diseases and to identify key opportunities, challenges and ways of working collaboratively. The speakers include subject specialists from eye health, vision science, image processing and eye screening.

WHAT / HOW TO SUBMIT

A 250-word abstract in Word format to include introduction and aims, methods, results and conclusion. Please see the template format.

Optometrists are encouraged to submit abstracts, including case studies, to highlight important community and hospital work. We will apply for CPD points for optometrists for this event.

Friday afternoon case presentation session: Please submit your best case for presentation. You can also submit an additional poster, but there will only be one case per person allowed for oral presentations. We are looking forward to hearing about your interesting and challenging cases! Surgical cases are very welcome with videos.

All accepted oral presentation must be sent by no later than the 6th October 2026 so they can be uploaded on time ready to be presented.

Posters can be for either day, or for both please indicate a preference. The Board will make the final decision. Poster prizes will be awarded at the end of the relevant section. Posters must be A1 size (594mm x 841mm), portrait orientation.

WOMEN IN VISION SESSION

The WVUK and the Women in Vision and Eye Research in Ireland (WVER) are hosting a session which aims to support and promote the visibility of women at all stages of their careers, whether that be as a student, a researcher, an ophthalmologist, an optometrist, a pharmacist, a clinician, surgeon or nurse. We are hosting an in-person rapid-fire presentation session during the Pan-Ireland Ophthalmology Day conference.

We are awarding **travel bursaries** to cover in person attendance and podium presentations from women in biomedical and clinical research related to all areas of

eye care. We encourage those new to research, those recently returned from periods of leave, those who have changed research area or specialty, students and experienced researchers to submit abstracts for consideration in this session.

This session will continue to honour the life and legacy of Dr Kathleen Lynn, a pioneering doctor, socialist and public-health campaigner.

The prestigious **Dr Kathleen Lynn Award** will be presented to the best overall early-stage researcher on the day.

**Note those selected for podium or poster presentations must be available to present in person at this session on the 9th October 2026.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday 4th September 2026 at Midday

Please submit all entries to Sara Shields sara.shields@qub.ac.uk

indicating if you would like your abstract considered for:

- World Sight Day / POD / BOTH – we encourage that you keep your poster up for both days if at all possible
- Optometrist entry
- Women in Vision/Dr Kathleen Lynn Award
- There are additional prizes to be won during both days!

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Sara Shields sara.shields@qub.ac.uk

Registration (free): To register please click on the link below:

World Sight Day:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-sight-day-2026-tickets-1985569463716?aff=oddtcreator>

Pan Ireland Ophthalmology Day:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pan-ireland-ophthalmology-day-pod-2026-tickets-1985569073549?aff=oddtcreator>



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