



Please join us in Bristol, United Kingdom, for Appearance Matters 10, the 10th international multi-disciplinary conference hosted by the Centre for Appearance Research.

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Abstract submission update

Thank you to everyone who submitted an abstract for AM10 – we were very excited to receive so many excellent, high-quality abstract submissions! All abstracts are now being peer-reviewed by our esteemed international [scientific committee](#). Authors will be notified of the outcome of their abstract submission by **early January 2024**.

If you missed the abstract submission deadline, you can still submit your research as a late-breaking poster abstract! Late-breaking poster submission opens **Friday 24 November 2023** and **closes Friday 1 March 2024**. Further information about late-breaking posters can be found [online](#).

If you have not registered for the conference yet, you can do so via the [conference website](#). Remember, early bird registration closes on **7 February 2024** – register now to take advantage!

Special lunch events

Alongside our regular scheduled AM10 conference events, we are excited to invite all delegates to attend our special lunch events. Everyone is welcome to attend these lunchtime sessions, and no pre-booking is required.

“When I was younger, my story belonged to everyone else”: A screening of 5 short films about living with difference in adulthood

By Dr [Nicola Stock](#), Karen Wilkinson-Bell & Sally Smith
Wednesday 12 June in the Chamber Room, from 12:45-13:30

Research has identified significant unmet need among adults with rare craniofacial conditions, including limited access to treatment, information, and psychological and peer support. In 2021, [Headlines Craniofacial Support](#) and the [Centre for Appearance Research](#) co-created a series of short films about living with a craniofacial condition in adulthood, in collaboration with a panel of adult representatives and an award-winning film production company.

Covering a wide range of topics, including embracing difference, navigating treatment, social experiences, challenges with employment, starting a family and growing older, these films offer a unique look at the lives of adults with craniosynostosis, and represent an important step toward addressing the need for lifelong care.

Identifying and tackling fraudulent responses in web-based research

By Dr [Kat Schneider](#), Dr [Latika Ahuja](#) & Dr [Kathleen Bogart](#)
Thursday 13 June in the Chamber Room, from 12:30-13:00

In the ever-evolving landscape of web-based research, the issue of fraudulent responses has become a pressing concern. Bots and fake participants can skew research outcomes, posing a significant challenge to data integrity and the overall reliability and validity of online studies.

This 30-minute interactive workshop aims to facilitate experience-sharing, discussion and practical insights into addressing fraudulent responses in web-based research. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and contribute to the fight against fraudulent responses in online

research.

Charitable Organisations Networking Lunch

Thursday 13 June in the Bordeaux Room, 12:15-13:15

This is an informal opportunity to meet with members of UK-based and international charitable organisations.

Social events at AM10

Appearance Matters is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old and new friends and colleagues. We are excited to share the following social events we have put together for AM10:

Tuesday 11 June 2024 – Welcome drinks reception

On the first night of the conference, you are warmly invited to attend the welcome drinks reception at the SS Great Britain. Step aboard this iconic steamship, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and embark on a journey through maritime history! Immerse yourself in the world of Victorian innovation and exploration (with a drink in hand, of course!) on Bristol's vibrant Harbourside.

The drinks reception is open to all and generously sponsored by Dove.



Wednesday 12 June 2024 – Conference dinner

We are also hosting our conference dinner at the [Bristol Museum & Art Gallery](#). Established in 1823, this cultural hotspot has been a hub of creativity and learning for centuries. From its origins as a science and arts institution, to its current iconic building on Queens Road, Bristol Museum & Art Gallery is a treasure trove of art, history and natural wonders.

The meal will take place on the second night of the conference and requires booking at the same time as registration. The cost of the conference dinner is £60 and includes a three-course meal (plus a couple glasses of wine!), and a live band. All registration fees can be found on the [conference website](#).



Travelling to Bristol

There are many different ways to travel to Bristol from both national and international destinations. If you are arriving from Europe, [Bristol Airport](#) is the primary international gateway. From there, you can easily reach the city centre via [taxi](#) or the [Airport Flyer Express](#) bus service. If you are arriving from outside of Europe, you can fly into one of several [London airports](#). The main one is [London Heathrow](#), which is well connected to Bristol via the National Express and [Megabus](#) airport bus services.

Alternatively, if you are travelling domestically, Bristol benefits from excellent rail connections, with [Bristol Temple Meads](#) being the main train station. Frequent train services run from London Paddington, Birmingham and other major UK cities.

Whether you are coming from near or far, Bristol's transportation network ensures a smooth journey to Bristol city centre and the conference venue. We are excited to welcome you to Bristol!

Appearance Matters: The podcast



Our podcast explores the world of appearance; presenting new insights and advances in research, as well as perspectives from researchers, clinicians, charities and organisations, and individuals affected by appearance-related concerns. Tune in to this month's episode where our very own Dr Maia Thornton talks to AM10 keynote speaker Dr Kathleen Bogart, kicking off our Appearance Matters 10 Conference Series. Kathleen discusses her career pathway into visible difference and disability research and provides us with some exciting insights into some of the topics that will be covered in her keynote at AM10.

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Help us spread the word!

We are excited to see you at Appearance Matters 10 and are keen to extend the invitation to new delegates. Please forward this email to colleagues who might be interested in learning about the latest progress in body image and appearance research in a stimulating and welcoming environment.

Keep in touch with CAR

If you want to keep in touch with the Centre for Appearance Research, you can follow us on our social media accounts, where we discuss all things related to body image and appearance – check out our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

For more information on the conference, please [visit the Appearance Matters Conference website](#).

We look forward to seeing you in June 2024 for Appearance Matters 10!

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