**Call for Abstracts – Submission of a Dedicated Session   
(Workshop, Symposium, Round Table, …)**

**31st International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services**

**Creating Sustainable Healthcare Systems to promote Health, Equity and Resilience in Times of Global Crises**

**Malmö, Sweden, May 20-22, 2026**

2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the WHO’s [Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WH-1987) – a milestone for critical reflection and renewed commitment. In times of global challenges such as climate change, wars, demographic shifts, and widening social and health inequalities including chronic diseases, stress-related disorders and mental ill health, the Charter’s vision of reorienting health services and enabling people to increase control over their health remains profoundly relevant.

2026 is also the year of the 30th anniversary of the Swedish HPH Network, one of the currently most active and engaged national networks in Europe, with more than 60 member organizations.

The [31st International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH)](https://www.hphconferences.org/nc/malmo2026/) will unite professionals, researchers, policymakers, patient and citizen representatives and civil society to discuss how hospitals and health services can actively advance health, equity, and resilience in challenging times. It will consider the dual role of health promoting healthcare systems as contributors to inclusive, sustainable societies and as entities that must themselves become more resilient and adaptable.

The conference offers a platform to connect evidence, experience, and innovation, aiming to equip participants with practical insights and strategies for application in their own fields of action, policy and research.

## Submission of Dedicated Sessions

The Scientific Committee particularly welcomes proposals for dedicated sessions (e.g., workshops, symposia, round tables) related to the [conference’s main theme](https://www.hphconferences.org/malmo2026/scope-purpose/) as well as topics related to the [2020 HPH Standards](https://www.hphnet.org/standards/) and [HPH Task Forces and Working Groups](https://www.hphnet.org/knowledge-innovation/).

## Submission Guidelines

* Submission deadline: **November 3, 2025, 18.00 CET.**
* All abstracts must be submitted in English. Maximum length: 2.000 characters including spaces.
* Abbreviations should be avoided or explained at first use.
* Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent during the month of February 2026.
* Accepted submissions will be published in the online program and electronic abstract book.
* The submitter is responsible for ensuring that all participants involved in the session are registered for the conference by March 16, 2026, or the session will be removed from the program.
* Any changes to the session design must be communicated to the organizers.
* Important: If your dedicated session includes individual presentations that should be listed in the conference program and abstract book, these must be submitted separately as abstracts via the online submission system. This does not apply to purely interactive formats.
* Please send the completed submission form to: [conference-secretariat@hphconferences.org](mailto:conference-secretariat@hphconferences.org)

## 1. Session organization

## Session format

Workshop

Symposium

Round table

Other (please specify): Click here to enter text.

In-person session

Hybrid session

## Additional information

*Please describe required space, materials, expected number of participants, or any other support needed from the organizers. In case of a hybrid session, please describe the intended scope (how many speakers/participants will be online) and technical requirements.*

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## Duration of the session

45 minutes

90 minutes

## Submitter / contact person

*Please include full name, affiliation, and email address.*

Click here to enter text.

## Author(s)

*List all contributors (first name, last name) in the order they should appear in the conference program and abstract book. If the submitter is also a contributor, please include their name as well.*

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## 2. Session content

## Abstract type

Research

Policy

Practice

## Session title

Click here to enter text.

## Session description

*Please describe the objectives, key messages, and expected impact of the proposed session (maximum of 2.000 characters including spaces).*

Click here to enter text.

## Relevance to health promoting hospitals and health services

*Please provide a brief explanation (maximum of 500 characters) of how the session relates to HPH.*

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## Session design

*Please include a timetable and describe individual inputs (e.g., titles of presentations and names of facilitator, presenters, panelists, discussants).*

Click here to enter text.

## Relation to conference main theme

*Please select the theme most relevant to your session.*

Advancing resilient and sustainable healthcare systems: 40 years of health promotion

Health equity across the life course

Anxiety, mental health and stress-related disorders: from concern to action

Digital innovation and ethical use of technology

The importance of partnerships for sustainable, equitable and resilient healthcare systems – challenges and opportunities

Related to other topic: Click here to enter text.

## Relation to an HPH Task Force or Working Group

*Please select only if the session is formally connected or initiated by one of the HPH Task Forces or Working Groups. Sessions that are merely thematically related should select “Not related”.*

Not related

HPH and Migration, Equity & Diversity

HPH & Environment

HPH & Age-friendly Health Care

Children and Adolescents

Health Promoting Built Environment

Well-being of Healthcare Workers

Culture and Health

HPH and Health Literate Health Care Organizations

HPH Governance and Policy

## 3. Declaration of rights and responsibilities

## Publishing in HPH abstract book

I agree that in case of acceptance, this abstract will be published in the HPH abstract book, including the names of all authors and the contact details of the submitter.

## No violation of third-party rights

I confirm that neither the abstract nor the presentation materials infringe any copyright, proprietary, or personal rights of any third party.

## Rules of submission and presentation

The submitter, on behalf of all co-contributors to this session, accepts responsibility for these rules for submission and presentation.

## Respectful and thematically appropriate communication

The submitter, on behalf of all co-contributors to this session, confirms that the session will be conducted in a respectful, inclusive manner, and that its content will align with the mission and goals of the HPH network. Political or ideological statements unrelated to the conference themes should be avoided. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to request changes or exclude content not meeting these principles.