



ASID CONFERENCES

It was with much sadness that earlier this year, in response to COVID-19, the ASID Board made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 ASID Conference 'Whanaungatanga Growing Connections', planned for Auckland (Aotearoa New Zealand) in November.

This postponement left a big hole in our annual calendar and although ASID conferences will look a little different for the next little while, we are optimistic that we will welcome delegates back to a traditional ASID conference in 2022, pending the situation with COVID-19. In the meantime, we have been busy working towards a new way of hosting an ASID conference in November 2021.



We are currently working with Conference Design, our professional conference organisers, to develop plans for an event that combines in-person and online participation. We have an ASID Board Conference Committee: Prof Christine Bigby, A/Prof Angela Dew, John Grant, Laura Hogan and Leesa McDermott (Conference Design). We have our first meeting on 18th November 2020, where we will start working on what might be possible.

Our aim is to have a face-to-face event (pending the COVID-19 situation closer to the time) in each ASID division in November 2021. (Aotearoa New Zealand, Queensland, NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania). Some of the sessions from the face-to-face event will be streamed or pre-recorded. This will enable everyone in the ASID community to be able to access these sessions. We intend to bring together International and Local subject matter experts as our Keynote Speakers, we already had many lined up for 2020 and most have agreed to be part of our hybrid event in 2021.

Event planning is still in the early stages, we don't have a theme yet, or streams selected. We'll also need local capacity in each division to help with the local organisation. We'll keep you all posted as details become available.



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