



Design4Health

Design4Health 2024: Equilibrium in a time of permacrisis.

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We continue to live in a time of unprecedented change. Since Design4Health2018, we have experienced a global pandemic, been confronted by economic uncertainty, witnessed climate change's devastating impact, and continue to experience societal inequality. Advances in AI and other technologies promise new opportunities while raising ethical challenges.

Permacrisis is a term used to describe an extended period of instability and insecurity. We have taken this as the overarching theme of Design4Health 2024, which will be hosted by Lab4Living in Sheffield, UK. History has shown that new ways of thinking can be borne in times of overwhelming change and crisis. We hope the 2024 conference will offer space to pause, reflect and examine the role of design and design research in re-imagining the discipline of design for health in the context of rapidly evolving challenges. D4H2024 will allow us to explore how design research and creative practice might enable us to envision alternative futures as we consider a new equilibrium.

As in previous conferences, we welcome contributions of research that explore any aspect of design and creative practice in the context of health and healthcare. Within the overall theme of the conference, we particularly welcome submissions that consider the role of design in:

- Redressing power imbalances
- Responding to planetary health and our relationships with the planet
- Exploring future design pedagogies
- Debating the role of new technologies in health
- Addressing ethical questions relating to the field

Submission formats

For this conference, Lab4Living invites submissions in the following formats:

Paper submissions: extended abstract

The abstract should be a minimum of 300 and maximum of 1200 words (including all text) and may include up to 6 images. Alternatively, you may choose to submit your paper in the form of a 2-minute video proposal.

Abstracts will be blind reviewed by the review panel. If accepted, the author will be invited to present the work at the conference and the abstract published in the online Book of Abstracts. We will not be publishing full proceedings but authors may develop abstracts into a full-length journal article for submission to Design For Health journal which would be subject to the journal's standard review process.

Poster submissions: poster proposal

A 150-word proposal should summarize the research to be presented in the final poster. You may also include one single-sided A4 or A3 PDF text / visual representation of your work in pdf format. Poster proposals will be reviewed by the review panel. If accepted, presenters are requested to produce a visually engaging poster in A1 format, using a provided template.

Authors of accepted abstracts and posters are expected to attend the conference in person as regular paying delegates.

Design4Health2024 is an in-person conference.

Submission process

Submissions should be made online by 23.59 GMT Sun 10 Dec 2023.

The submission portal opens on Fri 20 October 2023, on which date we will publish the link, delegate rates and further conference details.

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