

Preliminary Programme
11th International Prader-Willi Syndrome Conference 2022
Saturday 9 July 2022 ~ University of Limerick, Ireland



**11TH INTERNATIONAL
PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME
ORGANISATION CONFERENCE**



**An interdisciplinary approach to the treatment, education, and support
of children and adults with Prader-Willi syndrome**

An interactive, educational meeting supporting competency development and knowledge sharing.

Who should attend? This programme will be of interest to all those involved in primary, post-primary and further education, clinical and educational psychologists, doctors, mental health professionals, physiotherapists, nurses, social workers, dieticians, occupational therapists, and professionals interested in the holistic treatment and support of people with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Programme Chairs: Jane Cox and Tony Holland

09:15-09:20 **Welcome Address:** Jane Cox, PWSAI

09:20-09:45 **Changing perspectives on the support of people with PWS.**

09:45-10:15 **An overview of the clinical characteristics, health problems and genetics of PWS.**

10:15-10:45 **Why do people with PWS over-eat: causes, consequences, and management.**

10:45-11:15 **Making sense of mental health and challenging behaviours.**

11:15-11:45 Refreshments

11:45-12:15 **Parallel Presentation A (Room No: TBA)**
**Monitoring and treating diverse physical health needs
with particular reference to hormone deficiencies.**

Parallel Presentation B (Room No: TBA)
**Understanding how people with PWS learn: essential
information for all those promoting learning and skill
development across therapeutic and educational settings.**

	Interdisciplinary Workshop 1		
12:15-13:00	Parallel Workshop A (Room TBA) A Good Start: supporting children and families in the early years.	Parallel Workshop B (Room TBA) The Complexity of Need: supporting older teenagers and adults.	Parallel Workshop C (Room TBA) School Matters: supporting the pupil with PWS in the school environment.
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
	Interdisciplinary Workshop 2		
14:00-14:45	Parallel Workshop A (Room TBA) 'The right diet and exercise to the right person at the right time': what do we need to consider in PWS?	Parallel Workshop B (Room TBA) Maintaining good mental health and wellbeing and detecting and treating mental illness.	Parallel Workshop C (Room TBA) Pedagogical Matters: Responding to learning strengths and needs in PWS.
14:45-15:00	Comfort Break		
	Interdisciplinary Workshop 3		
15:00-15:45	Parallel Workshop A (Room TBA) Food security and problem behaviours: balancing choice and control and what are the options if it all goes wrong?	Parallel Workshop B (Room TBA) Orthopedics: what's the difference in PWS and what should be monitored and when to intervene?	Parallel Workshop C (Room TBA) Supporting safe and successful participation in employment, further education, and lifelong learning.
15:45-16:00	Refreshments		
16:00-16:45	The Way Ahead: rethinking the system to reflect the need – Panel and Q&A.		
17:15-18:00	Drink's Reception sponsored by PWSAI		

The structure of the workshops will include very brief presentations from the facilitators (usually a parent and a professional) to set the scene followed by discussion and debate. We encourage you to reflect on your own experiences in whichever country you live and work and be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas. This is an opportunity to both inform others and be informed.