

ARC NI CONFERENCE



TIME TRAVEL THROUGH THE CRYSTAL LABYRINTH

DUNADRY HOTEL, ANTRIM
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025
FROM 9AM-5PM

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When?

As part of ARC NI's 25th Anniversary, we wish to celebrate with you by hosting this one-day conference on Friday 7th March 2025, 9am-5pm at the Dunadry Hotel, Antrim

Why?

People with a learning disability, autism and other support needs face inequalities which impacts on their opportunities for inclusion and their equal right to have a full and meaningful life. Based on a science fiction novel called 'The Time Machine', this event will explore some of changes Northern Ireland has made over the last 25 years to:

- » Improve equality
- » Utilise technology and
- » Mobilise revolutionary change.

What?

The conference aims to:

- » Take stock of past and present day
- » Explore what is and isn't working currently
- » Showcase best practice in achieving positive outcomes
- » Develop a shared vision for the future

By the end of day, we will have

- » Developed new partnerships
- » Assessed progress, including lessons learnt
- » Agreed goals and future action we can take
- » A graphic record of the discussions

Who?

There are a total of 150 day delegate places. We welcome people, organisations and communities that share our vision to put Real Change into Action.

With the support of sponsors, we have been able to reduce the day delegate rate from £125pp to £65pp for everyone! We also have 50 free places for people supported.

These will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Service providers can request a maximum of 3 places for people they support.

Please note a booking form is required for each person. Secure your place(s) by returning the completed booking form ASAP to arc.ni@arcuk.org.uk

"FACE THIS WORLD. LEARN ITS WAYS, WATCH IT - IN THE END YOU WILL FIND CLUES TO IT ALL."

AGENDA

- » **Registration**
- » **"Humanity is strong, energetic, and intelligent."**
Welcome
- » **"They were put into my pockets, when I travelled into Time."**
Keynote speaker
- » **"And with that the Time Traveller began his story."**
A theatrical play showcasing the life of a person supported over the past 25 years.
- » **"Any real body must have extension in four directions: it must have Length, Breadth, Thickness and Duration."**
Reflections of the UNCRPD and how this has improved the lives of people with a learning disability, autism and other support needs
- » **"Take it as a lie—or a prophecy. Say I dreamed it in the workshop."**
Workshops showcasing technological solutions to aid:
 - Communication delivered by BHSCT & TILII
 - Keeping people safe delivered by INEQE
 - Independence delivered by InCharge Ltd
 - Information & Influence delivered by ARC Scotland
 - Efficient Service Delivery delivered by the Cedar Foundation
- » **"You must follow me carefully. I shall have to challenge one or two ideas that are almost universally accepted."**
Virtual Time Capsule

LUNCH

- » **"There is no intelligence where there is no change and no need of change."**
The Revolutionary Panel – NI Government Departments (Communities; Economy; Education; Finance; Health; Justice; Infrastructure)

PARALLEL WORLD

Fun Workshops for people supported

- » **"It sounds plausible enough tonight, but wait until tomorrow. Wait for the common sense of the morning."**
Make the key to open the escape room to the future
- » **"We should strive to welcome change and challenges, because they are what help us grow."**
Closing Comments

"I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE THE OPTIMIST. THE HOPER OF FAR-FLUNG HOPES AND THE DREAMER OF IMPROBABLE DREAMS."

Information is correct at the time of print and is subject to change

“We should strive to welcome change and challenges, because they are what help us grow by strengthening our character and increasing our intelligence.”

H.G. Wells,
The Time Machine



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