



SDD 2020 rescheduled for 21-25 September

We've been monitoring the situation re. the Coronavirus outbreak for several weeks, and hoping that it wouldn't prevent us from running SDD 2020 as planned on 11-15 May.

However over the last couple of weeks it's become increasingly clear that postponing the conference would be a sensible decision for multiple reasons, including the wellbeing of attendees, speakers and staff, the possibility of travel restrictions being imposed, and the risk that events and gatherings might be officially banned within the UK at some point.

We therefore contacted the Barbican Centre to discuss rescheduling the conference, and we're very grateful to them for freeing up some alternative dates for us – so we have made the decision to reschedule SDD 2020 to **21-25 September**.

We felt that it's better to act now two months prior to the original dates, as it would cause much more inconvenience if we delayed the decision and cancelled the event at short notice.

If you've already registered to attend the conference, and you're able to attend on the new dates in Sept, you don't need to take any action – your booking will automatically carry over.

However if attending in September is a problem for you, please contact us via email by 20th March if you wish to cancel your booking, and include your name, organisation, and booking reference: SDD2020@cwt-me.com

We're temporarily closing registration for a short period, while we update various details – the aim is to open again by the end of March, so if you're interested in booking a place please check back then or follow us on Twitter for updates: [@sddconf](https://twitter.com/sddconf)

I'm pleased to confirm that most of our speakers have advised us that they'll be able to make the new dates, so the impact of rescheduling the event on our planned agenda will be fairly small - we'll update the agenda and speaker list on our website as soon as possible, and flag that this has been done on the SDD home page, via Twitter, etc.

Finally, I apologise for any inconvenience that postponing the conference might cause you, but I believe that we're making the only rational decision, in a situation where the phrase "circumstances beyond our control" is entirely appropriate.

I hope to see you in September!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Payne'.

Nick Payne
SDD 2020 Organiser