



## SDD 2021 rescheduled to 15-19 November

With great regret, we have taken the decision to postpone SDD 2021, from May to November.

We've decided to do this for a number of reasons, but the primary factor is the UK government's recent announcement that large-scale events will not be allowed to take place until 21 June at the earliest. This makes it impossible for us to go ahead and run the conference as planned in May.

By rescheduling to November, we're hopeful that ongoing vaccination programmes in the UK and elsewhere will improve the situation enough to allow us to run the event, and that international travel restrictions will have been lifted so that speakers and attendees from outside the UK will be able to travel freely without facing quarantine measures on arrival.

### Speakers & agenda

We're pleased to confirm that most of the speakers who were scheduled to present sessions and workshops have already confirmed their availability for the new dates in November, so we're planning to stick as closely as possible to the original agenda. We're aiming to update the schedule by late summer, and while there will be a few amendments we're projecting that at least 80% of the content will be unchanged.

### Already registered?

If you had already registered to attend the conference on the original dates, haven't taken up the option to cancel and claim a refund when we previously rescheduled, and would like to keep your booking and attend on the new dates in November 2021, you don't need to take any action – your booking will automatically carry over.

We guarantee that you won't lose out in terms of the price that you originally paid – when registration re-opens in the spring, we won't offer any early-bird rates that are lower than the ones that were in place when the conference was first postponed and registration was temporarily suspended.

However, if attending in November is a problem for you, please contact us via email at the following address by **Friday 9th April** if you wish to cancel your booking and claim a refund - please include your name, organisation, and booking reference: **SDD2020@cwt-me.com**

### Registration to re-open in May

Registration for new attendees will remain closed for a few weeks, while we update various details – the aim is to open for new bookings again by the end of May at the latest, so if you're interested in booking a place please check back in a couple of months or follow us on Twitter for updates: [@sddconf](https://twitter.com/sddconf)

I hope to see you in November!

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

**Nick Payne**  
SDD 2021 Organiser