



Draft agenda

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Monday 2 November

The GACD team will host an informal social evening (~5:30 to 7:30 PM) at a local pub for those arriving early. This is entirely optional, but everyone is welcome 😊

Tuesday 3 November

Agenda	About the session and how to get involved
Morning (<i>timing to be confirmed</i>) Registration and refreshments 1. Welcome and orientation 2. TO BE DECIDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real World Results Spotlight? • Cross-Cutting Keynote? 	This opening session will set the scene for the meeting, outline shared objectives, and provide an overview of the programme. You will also have a chance to meet fellow delegates through light, facilitated networking designed to help you make early connections in a friendly, low-pressure way. Session #2 is to be decided. You can let us know your preference via the registration form. <i>Real World Results Spotlight</i> These sessions spotlight completed projects, focusing on results that have real-world relevance for patients, communities, policymakers, and implementation science more broadly. Delegates can volunteer to present when registering. Preference will be given to those who attended the Communications Workshop Series. <i>Cross-Cutting Keynote</i> An invited keynote from a leading expert exploring a theme that cuts across GACD programmes (e.g., equity, scale-up, health systems strengthening, data/measurement, etc...). The talk will surface transferable lessons and current thinking, helping delegates connect ideas across contexts and identify implications for their own work.
12:30–2:00 PM Lunch	
2:00–3:30 PM 3. Research Programme Workshops ~CONCURRENT~ A. Cancer B. Life Course C. Healthy Cities D. Multiple Conditions	Led by elected programme co-chairs and using a World Café-style approach, these workshops support delegates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share project insights and experiences • Exchange practical advice and implementation lessons • Explore new collaborations and future initiatives Active participation is strongly encouraged.
3:30–4:00 PM Refreshment break	
4:00 AM–5:00 PM 4. Knowledge Sharing Forum	The primary presentation opportunity for entrants to the Knowledge Sharing Competition (both streams). Presenters share their work with judging panels and engage in discussion with other delegates. Submitting an entry to the Knowledge Sharing Competition is open to all delegates. Presentation schedules and order will be announced approximately one week before the ASM.
From 5:00 PM Welcome reception	Canapes, soft drinks, and a glass of wine or cold beer to wrap up Day 1 of the Annual Scientific Meeting.

Wednesday 4 November

Agenda	About the session and how to get involved
From 9:00 AM Conversation groups	<p>Informal, peer-led discussions held over morning coffee. Conversation Groups offer a relaxed space to explore shared interests, exchange experiences, and learn from one another across projects and disciplines.</p> <p>You can propose and facilitate a Conversation Group by suggesting a topic via the registration form. If selected, your group can be promoted in advance to help attract participants.</p> <p>Several groups will also be pre-scheduled – these require no sign-up and are open to all delegates on the day.</p>
10:00–11:00 AM 5. Navigating the Research to Policy Pathway	<p>Through short inputs and facilitated discussion, delegates will reflect on what helps (and hinders) research uptake, including timing, relationships, evidence translation, and political context.</p> <p>Active participation is encouraged, with opportunities to share experiences and pose questions throughout the session.</p>
11:00–11:30 AM Refreshment break	
11:30 AM–12:30 PM 5. Continued	--
12:30–2:00 PM Lunch	12:30–12:50 PM Optional seated yoga/stretching
2:00–3:00 PM 6. Early Career Researcher Showcase	<p>A curated lightning-talk session featuring up to six early-career researchers. Talks focus on a shared theme and highlight cross-cutting implementation insights (rather than project summaries).</p> <p>Early-career researchers can volunteer to present via the registration form. Selected speakers are expected to attend two short online preparation meetings. Preference will be given to registrants who attended the Communications Workshop Series. More information is noted at the end of this document.</p>
3:00–4:30 PM 7. Collaboration Catalysers ~CONCURRENT~ A. Meet the Funders B. Roundtables C. Open collaboration space	<p><i>Meet the Funders</i></p> <p>An informal opportunity to engage directly with representatives from the GACD funding agencies. This session provide space to ask questions, better understand funder priorities and expectations, and discuss future directions in a relaxed, conversational format.</p> <p>These are not formal presentations – just turn up, join a table, and take part in the conversation.</p> <p><i>Upskilling Labs</i></p> <p>Informal, practical, five-minute “how-to” demonstrations focused on tools and techniques for research, communication, and engagement. No sign-up required, just drop in. Scheduled skills currently include TikTok and other social media channels, Mentimeter, and Mind Meister. (Additional topics to be confirmed.)</p> <p>Delegates can volunteer to demonstrate a skill by indicating their interest on the registration form.</p> <p><i>Open collaboration space</i></p> <p>A dedicated time and physical space for spontaneous collaboration, joint problem-solving, and informal meetings. Ideal for follow-ups, new ideas, or unplanned conversations.</p> <p>Open to all delegates – no booking needed.</p> <p>Materials (flipchart paper, pens, sticky notes) are available on request from the GACD team.</p>
3:30–4:00 PM Refreshment break	
From 6:00 PM 8. Film Festival Reception and Finalists Showcase , followed by the Gala Dinner	<p>Join us for an evening celebrating creativity, storytelling, and impact. The Film Festival Reception will showcase shortlisted films from the competition, highlighting innovative ways of communicating implementation research.</p> <p>Submitting an entry to the Film Festival is open to all delegates.</p> <p>This will be followed by the Gala Dinner, an opportunity to relax, celebrate achievements, and enjoy informal conversation with friends old and new.</p>

Thursday 5 November

Agenda	About the session and how to get involved
<p>From 9:00 AM</p> <p>Conversation groups</p>	<p>Informal, peer-led discussions held over morning coffee. Conversation Groups offer a relaxed space to explore shared interests, exchange experiences, and learn from one another across projects and disciplines.</p> <p>Delegates can propose and facilitate a Conversation Group by suggesting a topic via the registration form. If selected, the group can be promoted in advance to help attract participants.</p> <p>Several groups will also be pre-scheduled – these require no sign-up and are open to all delegates on the day.</p>
<p>10:00 AM–12:30 PM</p> <p>9. TO BE DECIDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real World Results Spotlight? • Parallel sessions? • World Café? • Roundtables? <p>To include 11:00–11:30 Refreshment break</p>	<p><i>Real World Results Spotlight</i></p> <p>These sessions spotlight completed projects, focusing on results that have real-world relevance for patients, communities, policymakers, and implementation science more broadly. Delegates can volunteer to present when registering. Preference will be given to those who attended the Communications Workshop Series.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Parallel sessions</i></p> <p>Parallel sessions will explore emerging themes or priority issues relevant to GACD researcher. Each session will combine short presentations with discussion, allowing delegates to engage deeply with topics most relevant to their interests. Delegates can volunteer to speak and/or facilitate during these sessions via the registration form.</p> <hr/> <p><i>World Café</i></p> <p>A structured yet informal discussion format designed to spark collective insight. Delegates rotate between small tables, each focused on a key question or theme, building shared understanding across groups. Delegates can volunteer to facilitate a table when completing the registration form. Facilitators guide discussion and help capture key ideas; no prior facilitation experience is required.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Roundtables</i></p> <p>Facilitated discussions hosted by GACD Special Interest Groups, designed to encourage equal participation, generate new ideas, and move toward shared positions or priorities.</p> <p>No advance sign-up required – just turn up on the day. You do not need to be a member of a Special Interest Group to participate.</p>
<p>12:30–2:00 PM Lunch</p>	<p>Including an early-career researcher networking lunch</p>
<p>2:00–3:00 PM</p> <p>10. Connecting the Dots</p>	<p>A reflective plenary session drawing together insights from across the ASM.</p> <p>Speakers and facilitators will highlight key themes, tensions, and opportunities that have emerged over the past three days, helping to “connect the dots” across programmes, settings, and disciplines.</p> <p>Delegates can volunteer to be a speaker in this session via the registration form.</p> <p>Preference will be given to registrants who attended the Communications Workshop Series.</p>
<p>3:00–3:30 PM</p> <p>11. Prize giving and formal close</p>	<p>We will celebrate new connections and participation across the ASM, including announcement of prize winners and acknowledgements of contributions from delegates, facilitators, and organisers.</p>
<p>Until ~5:00 PM</p> <p>Open collaboration space</p>	<p>A dedicated time and physical space for spontaneous collaboration, joint problem-solving, and informal meetings. Ideal for follow-ups, new ideas, or unplanned conversations.</p> <p>Open to all delegates – no booking needed.</p> <p>Materials (flipchart paper, pens, sticky notes) are available on request from the GACD team.</p>
<p>From ~5:30 PM</p> <p>Pub social and informal networking</p>	<p>The GACD team will host an informal social evening at a pub close to the ASM venue for those staying for the evening. This will run from approximately 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This is entirely optional, but everyone is welcome 😊</p>

More information about the Early Career Researcher Showcase

What is it?

The Early Career Researcher Showcase is a short, high-impact session at the ASM highlighting the work and thinking of early career researchers (ECRs) in the GACD community. Up to six ECRs will deliver lightning talks on a shared theme, followed by a facilitated panel discussion focused on cross-cutting implementation insights (not project summaries).

Speakers should focus on practical learning, for example:

- A key insight or lesson from your work
- What surprised you (and why it matters)
- What you would do differently next time
- One takeaway or open question for the field

Why should I volunteer?

If you are an ECR, this is a supportive way to share your perspective with the wider GACD community. By volunteering, you can:

- Build visibility and networks across GACD
- Practise clear, insight-focused communication
- Contribute to a session designed to value (not test) ECR perspectives

The format is designed to be low-pressure and well supported, with a chair moderating discussion.

What do I have to do?

If selected, you will:

- Attend two online coordination meetings (up to 60 minutes each)
- Prepare and deliver a 5-minute lightning talk at the ASM
- Coordinate with other speakers to keep the session cohesive

You do *not* need to provide a full project overview or manage the Q&A (the chair will do this).

A suggested structure for your 5-minute presentation:

- One-sentence context
- A key challenge or surprise
- What you tried
- What you learned (and why it matters)
- One open question for the audience

How will I be supported?

Support is built into every stage of the session. As a selected speaker, you will receive:

- Two facilitated preparation meetings (theme, framing and timing)
- Clear guidance and a shared slide template
- A session chair to keep time, link talks and moderate discussion
- Planning/logistics and light editorial support from the GACD team

Overall, the goal is for you to feel clear on expectations, confident in your contribution, and part of a supportive ECR cohort.

There may also be optional follow-up opportunities (e.g., a short blog or networking activity) linked to the session.