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BRIDGING LITERACIES: CONNECTING WORLDS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, UK · APRIL 6-9, 2025

The Summit brings together leaders from 85 countries representing over two-thirds of the world's population, and all with a single focus – advocating, championing and educating on the vital importance of improving literacy levels across the globe.

It's the world's largest gathering of international literacy specialists, including NGO leaders, researchers, academics, literacy entrepreneurs, education companies, publishers, practitioners, government representatives and most importantly the learners themselves.



Get a glimpse of the WLS experience

The World Literacy Summit is an Initiative of the World Literacy Foundation, a global non-profit organisation that works to ensure every young individual regardless of geographic location has the opportunity to acquire literacy and reading skills to reach their full potential, succeed at school and beyond.

Visit www.worldliteracysummit.org

HIGHLIGHTS

#WORLDLITERACYSUMMIT2025



40,000
Online
viewers



85
Countries



120
presentations,
panel sessions,
and workshops



300
Speakers



Featured
Speakers



World
Literacy
Awards
2025



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All delegates are encouraged to engage with other speakers and attendees using your favorite social media app. Follow WLS and tag this meeting as **#worldliteracysummit2025**.

Programme

Pre-Conference Day

April 6, 2025

Examination School

Registration & Badge Pick Up
Oxford Free Walking Tours
Networking Event
Social Drinks

Main Conference

Monday April 7, 2025

Sheldonian Theatre

The theme for the Main Conference is “Bridging literacies: Connecting Worlds” and includes more than 90 presentations with 5 sub-themes targeted toward all key stakeholders in the wider sector.

- *Welcome Messages from Dignitaries and Luminaries.*
- *Leading Keynotes from Education Specialists on Literacy Trends and Challenges.*
- *Panel Discussion on Traditional Publishers and challenges facing them in a Digital World.*
- *ChatGPT and the encroachment on Literacy and Education.*

Literacy Awards and Dinner

The World Literacy Council acknowledges and awards a country, an individual and an organisation for their outstanding contribution to literacy in 2024. The Albert Schweitzer Award is an acknowledgement to a person for their academic and personal contribution to address illiteracy. We will finish the day with a formal dinner at Balliol College.

Opening Ceremony

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The Opening Ceremony brings together Royal Family, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Ministers of Education, Government Representatives, and VIP guests. The world media provides global coverage highlighting the issue of global literacy.

Full Day Programme

April 8 and April 9

Examination School

Full Day Program with over 250 presentations, discussions panels, Plenaries and key industry trends will be showcased with specialized dedicated tracks on:

- *UK Literacy and Teachers Challenges*
- *UK and International Libraries and their Literacy Input*
- *Dyslexia, ADD and ADHD in Literacy and the tools to fight them*
- *Social Media and its impact on communication skills and learning*

Streams

LINE 1

LITERACY CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

- Adult Literacy • Community-Based Interventions for Literacy • Functional Literacy
- Literacy Programs and Goals • Literacy Programs in Crisis, Displacement

LINE 2

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

- Post Pandemic Teaching - Its Impact on Learning and Education
- New Technologies/InnovationLiteracy • Digital & ChatGPT in Education Impact

LINE 3

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY IN LITERACY

- Leadership in Literacy • Girls' Education • Youth-Led Initiatives

LINE 4

CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC LITERACY PRESERVATION

- First Nation/Mother Tongue Literacy • Early Childhood/Primary Literacy
- Other Forms of Literacy (e.g., Digital, Media, Writing)

LINE 5

GLOBAL COLLABORATION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Research, Evaluation, and Social Impact • Funding/Sustainable Development • Literacy Campaigns, World Book Day, Summer Reading, Read Aloud Day • Literacy in Africa • Impact of Challenges and Changes • Global Literacy Collaborative Network • Notable and Emerging Global Projects and Resources



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