

# First time at a conference?

APAC17 lasts 3 days and more than 1000 people attend. Many people find conferences tiring and sometimes overwhelming. You don't have to attend every session and event. Just do as much or as little as you like. Having some breaks can help. You might find that you are really tired when you get home.

## Conference ID & program:

When you arrive you will be given a conference ID and a program that you can wear with a lanyard around your neck. You need to wear your conference ID at all times to get access to the conference rooms and food. You can plan your conference using the program.

You will be given a conference **bag** to store any information you collect.

There is also a conference **app** available in app stores such as Google Play, Apple app Store, Amazon app store etc (or scan the QR Code to the right). You can access the program here and plan what presentations you go to and give feedback via the app.



- **Green** sticker means the person is happy to speak to anyone.
- **Orange** sticker means the person is OK to speak to people they know.
- **Red** sticker means the person does not want to talk. Please respect this.
- **Blue** sticker means parent/carer.

There is also a quiet 'autistic space' that is available to people on the spectrum. Food and drinks will be located just outside the autistic space for convenience of people accessing the space during meal breaks.

## Presentation sessions:

It helps to arrive 5 minutes before each session to get a seat where you can be comfortable.

It is ok to leave a session but it can be very distracting for the speaker, so please do so quietly or wait until that speaker has finished.

## Getting Help:

There are volunteer conference hosts.

They will be wearing an **orange** APAC 17 t-shirt and cap. You can approach them for assistance at any time.



## Food & Drink:

There will be food and drink at the breaks provided by the conference but you can bring your own water & snacks if you have specific preferences. However, you cannot eat or drink anything except water in the main conference theatre.

## Autism:

This is an autism friendly conference and there are people on the autism spectrum attending. People can choose to self-identify as autistic with stickers that communicate their interaction preferences.

## Questions:

There is a short time allocated for questions at the end of each session of three presentations. Do not ask questions during any presentations. Trying to do so can be very distracting for the speakers.

You can always catch up with speakers in the networking lounge at the conference exhibition space or you could e-mail them [They often have their contact details on presentation slides].

## Social Media:

You can follow what people are saying about the conference via Twitter (use the hashtag #APAC17). It's a great way to hear about the conference.

## Conference Movie:

APAC17 is showing the documentary *Life, Animated* on Thursday 7th September at 7pm for conference delegates.