



Lightning Talk Submissions for IDCC26

IDCC26 will be held in Zagreb, Croatia from 16-18 February 2026. This year's conference theme is **AI, austerity, and authoritarianism: contemporary challenges in digital curation**. For more information visit the [Conference Theme webpage](#).

1. Lightning Talks

These talks are an opportunity to showcase work in progress or completed projects that you believe offers insights or practical lessons that advance digital curation research or practice. Treat IDCC26 as a stage to promote your work and potentially recruit partners to collaborate with.

1.1 How to submit a Lightning Talk

You are required to submit a one-page abstract of 300 - 500 words that describes the work you want to present and its relevance to the conference topic. Please make your submission through submissions portal on [Conftool](#) (*see more details below*). Your submission must use the provided template (*see templates below*).

If selected, you will be invited to give a 10-minute presentation in person at IDCC26. Successful presentations are fast-paced and have a clear focus on one idea.

If desired, you could write up your talk as a Brief Report (2,000 - 4,000 words) and submit it for publication to the International Journal of Digital Curation ([IJDC](#)), subject to editorial review. Brief Reports are a section in IJDC for sharing early research project work or implementation of new approaches to practice.

Submitting a Brief Report is not essential for IDCC participation, but we encourage submission.



1.2 Key dates

- Submit Lighting Talk proposal by **3 August 2025**
- Notification of acceptance **end of September 2025**
- Submit final presentation by **2 February 2026**
- Brief Report by **20 March 2026**

1.3 Templates

Please download the template below to complete your paper submission.

[Download Lightning Talk Submission template.](#)

1.4 Submissions system

Please note we are using two platforms for submissions. Conftool should be used to submit the abstract and the Brief Reports should be submitted to the International Journal of Digital Curation (IJDC) website.

- **Submit your abstract on ConfTool:** <https://www.conftool.org/idcc2026> (you will need to create an account; you can log in with your password from previous years).
- **Submit your final paper on IJDC:** <https://ijdc.net/index.php/ijdc/about/submissions> (you will need to create an account).

Any questions?

For any questions about the submissions process please contact idcc@dcc.ac.uk.