



DAY 1

Thursday 22nd October 2026

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
09:00 - 10:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments	
10:00 - 10:20	Opening Address	<i>Formal opening of the conference</i>
10:20 - 10:45	Keynote Address	
11:00 - 12:00	Thematic Presentations 1: Society & Enterprise	<i>In this session a selection of RISE@ATU researchers will present their research and how it impacts regional society & enterprise</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Networking Lunch & poster session	
13:00 - 14:00	Thematic Presentations 2: Environment & Sustainability	<i>In this session a selection of RISE@ATU researchers will present their research and how it is supporting the environment, climate action and sustainability in the West and North west.</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Thematic Presentations 3: Technology & Innovation	<i>In this session a selection of RISE@ATU researchers will present their research in cutting edge A.I, Engineering and technology fields.</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break, networking & posters	
15:30 - 16:30	Thematic Presentations 4: Health & Wellbeing	<i>In this session a selection of RISE@ATU researchers will present their research and how it is supporting innovative new health interventions.</i>



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TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
16:30 - 17:15	Panel Discussion: From Research to Enterprise – Building Regional Innovation Partnerships	<i>This panel will bring together representatives from government agencies and academia to discuss best practices in building partnerships with regional enterprise.</i>
19:30 – 21:30	Conference banquet	<i>To be held in the Benbulbin suite, Radisson Blu, Sligo.</i>

DAY 2

Friday 23rd October 2026

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments	
09:00 - 09:10	Opening Address	
09:10 - 10:00	Panel Discussion: Multi-sectoral perspectives on regional development	<i>This panel discussion will bring together leading voices of regional enterprise to highlight the difficulties and opportunities facing the West and North west region.</i>
10:00 - 11:00	Coffee break, networking & poster session	
11:00 – 11:30	ATU Research Communications & Impact	<i>The RISE@ATU Research Coordinator team will introduce the ATU Research Impact Toolkit, outlining ATU's coordinated approach to research communications, knowledge mobilisation, enterprise engagement and research impact beyond academia.</i>
11:30 - 13:00	Session: Research elevator pitches	<i>In this session a panel of RISE@ATU research students will give 3 minute “Elevator pitch” style presentations on their research.</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch & poster judging	
14:00 - 14:45	Awards & Closing address	



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