



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**

In this session a selection of RISE@ATU researchers will present their research and how it is supporting innovative new health interventions.

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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 Dinner (by invitation)	<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 provide an overview of ongoing work to strengthen research communications, knowledge mobilisation and stakeholder engagement, supporting researchers to enhance the visibility, reach and impact of their research 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	