



**To: LDC Conference Representatives and Observers
General Dental Practice Committee Members**

Dear Delegate,

I am really looking forward to welcoming you to the 2021 LDC conference, again second time the event has had to be virtual. It was heartening to see that when this situation was forced upon us last year the result was a diverse attendance, somewhat younger than we normally have. Again we will be asking your opinions to help the Agenda Committee plan future events, please take a few moments to share your preferences on the form provided after the conference.

You hardly need me to remind you what a different year this has been as the profession (and society in general) coped with a pandemic the like of which has not been experienced for a century. As we recover we will consider what we might choose not just to resurrect but improve, a process known as “Building Back Better”.

We have arranged a varied menu of speakers, as always we will hear from the GDPC Chair on how previous motions have been implemented and the status of negotiations, from a colleague who shared his time between practice and university on sustainable practice, and from our educators and how both undergraduate and foundation training will cope in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Naturally we have the motions which LDCs have proposed for discussion, these will be available ahead of the event and if you have an opinion which you would like to express please don't hold back! As time is limited please indicate you wish to speak as soon as possible on the day.

I particularly want to thank the LDC Agenda Committee, Past Chair Leah Farrell, Chair Elect Dan Cook, Treasurer Pete Hodgkinson, Judith Husband, Russell Gidney and Zoe Connelly for all their considerable support. Also, special thanks to the BDA secretariat (Alex Cenic, Fiona Feltham) for assisting the LDC AC in enabling conference to happen, conference could not happen without their unstinting support, we are all in their debt.

Best wishes

Stuart Allan
LDC Conference Chair 2021

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