

Newsletter

August 2024



2024 CONFERENCE WRAP UP

The 2024 Annual International Conference was held in Oxford, UK on the 7th & 8th of June 2024. The event gathered over 190 people in-person and online, from 16 countries to discuss Empowering Care Excellence - embedding the fundamentals of care into practice, research, education and policy.

The Conference was opened by Chief Nurse for Oxford University Hospital NHS Trust, Dr Yvonne Christley, who set the tone for the two days by encouraging participants to “go change the world”.

Professor Alison Leary, our opening speaker is a workforce expert and modeler. She spoke of normalised poor care, deprofessionalisation of nursing and delegation of the most complex and risky work to the least trained and lowest paid care workers. Prof Leary inspired participants to focus on proficiency, not just competency. Proficiency is about managing risk, with competency failing to contextualise risk. She spoke about nurses and care professionals having the skill to understand what care trade-offs you can make when caring for a patient with complex needs. Understanding the consequences of those trade-offs in care was critical to ensuring better outcomes and less harm for patients. “Nursing is a profession of vigilance”, she said.

The conference committee will be working on the ILC 2024 Oxford Statement, but in the meantime, you can read our previous statements from past conferences below: [2023 The Maine Statement](#) and [2022 Oxford Statement](#)

The 2025 ILC Annual Conference will be held in Genoa, Italy. To be the first to hear when tickets go on sale, [please make sure your membership is up to date.](#)

ILC 2024 Conference

Two
Days in Oxford, UK

194
Attendees

16
Countries Represented

34
Presentations

45
Posters

3
Workshops





CONFERENCE POSTERS

The conference poster sessions showcased over 45 projects, providing a platform for attendees to present their work and receive feedback from peers.

View an album of the posters [here](#).

Watch virtual poster presentations [here](#).



CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

Five scholarship recipients were selected for their potential to contribute to their organisations' efforts in fundamental care once they had experienced the conference, and/or the Leadership & Mentoring Program.

2024 Scholarship Winners were:

- Therese Avallin (Sweden) (pictured left)
- Elena Luca (Switzerland)
- Genevieve Dionne (Canada)
- Jake McMahon (Australia)
- Rebekah Irwin (New Zealand)

The ILC Conference Scholarships support emerging leaders in Fundamentals of Care to access the global network of colleagues and to discuss their work, their ideas and to facilitate collaboration and growth in confidence as a care professional, educator, policy-maker or researcher. You can read reflections from the Scholarship holders [here](#).



FUNDAMENTALS OF CARE LEADERSHIP & MENTORING PROGRAM (LAMP) - OXFORD, UK

After the 2024 Conference, the ILC held the Fundamentals of Care Leadership & Mentoring Program (LAMP) in Oxford.

There were 28 participants in this year's program with strong representation from the UK & Sweden. The feedback from participants shows us that people felt supported and enthused to take on leadership roles within their organisation to improve fundamental care.



All participants left with a draft project plan for their leadership activity when they return home. They were assigned two Mentors to work with over the 12 months. We will be compiling case studies for each of the projects as a resource for Members.

The ILC's FoC Leadership & Mentoring Program (LAMP) aims to empower current and emerging nursing and healthcare leaders in research, education, practice, or policy to challenge and change how fundamental care is prioritised and actioned within healthcare systems in their own organisation, and contribute to the global efforts to value, own, do, talk and research fundamentals of care.

Participants in the Fundamentals of Care LAMP gain:

- unprecedented access to global experts in fundamentals care
- networking opportunities for sharing of ideas and best practice
- a better understanding of competing priorities in different contexts and strategies to overcome these
- ideas and skills to increase awareness, recognition, and commitment to fundamentals of care
- a shared understanding of the fundamentals of care
- effective strategies to influence and lead for change
- national and international connections for collaboration that have real impact
- a toolkit to help jumpstart change

The next opportunity to attend this unique program will be in [New Zealand in October 2024.](#)

'This program completely exceeded my expectations. I thought I knew a bit about the fundamentals of care and framework, but it allowed me to better immerse myself and my work into truly appreciating the framework and what it represents. The tools we had were practical, easy to use, value-added. I loved how the room was a mixture of the students, mentors and faculty at each table as it really gave a nice balance as part of the discussion. The mentors and faculty were extremely supportive and welcoming, and made you feel like your perspective and ideas were validated. They felt like your own cheerleading squad! This was an inspiring program to be part of us and I cannot recommend more highly that people should be part of it. I am pleased to hear that this continues with our ongoing mentorship in the coming year!'

Quote from one of our participants



INTERNATIONAL
LEARNING
COLLABORATIVE

Fundamentals of Care

Leadership & Mentoring Program

INTENSIVE WORKSHOP
NELSON, NEW ZEALAND
29 - 31 OCTOBER 2024

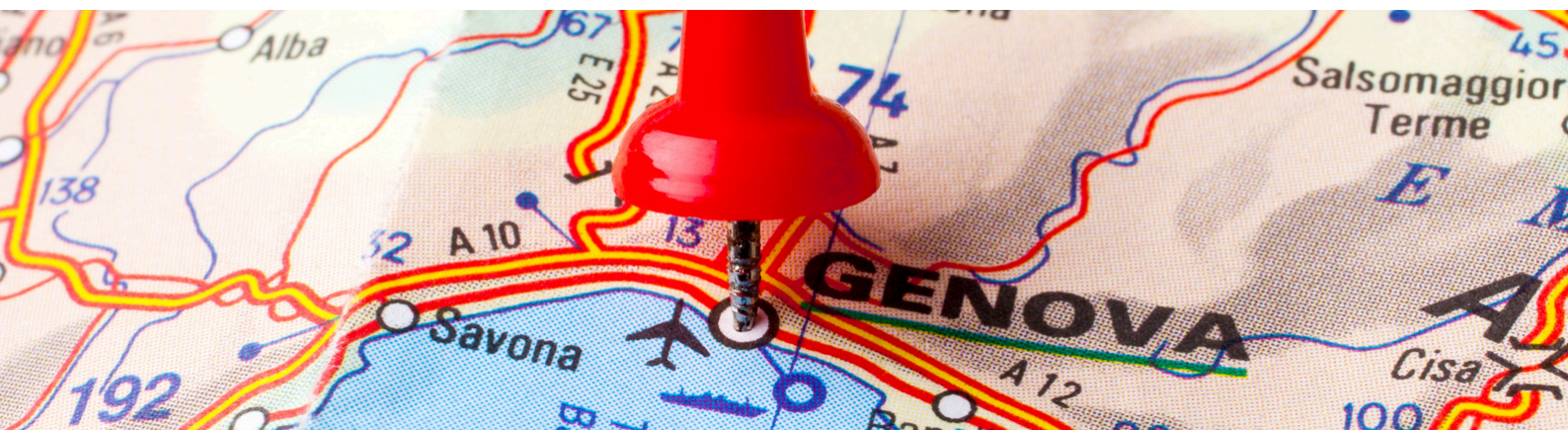
**Start your 12-month
fundamentals of care
leadership and
mentoring program
with international
experts.**

The ILC's Fundamentals of Care Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP) begins with an intensive 3-day workshop, followed by 12 months of mentoring. The program will empower you to challenge and change how fundamentals of care is valued, prioritised, and actioned within your organisation, by building your care leadership skills.

The program will take into account the unique context of fundamental care delivery to meet the needs of Māori as Tangata Whenua (people of the land) in Aotearoa New Zealand, underpinned by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

[Register now](#)





GENOA, ITALY - OUR 2025 CONFERENCE LOCATION

We're excited to announce that the 2025 ILC Annual International Conference will be held in Genoa, Italy - thanks to the University of Genoa!

ILC 2025 Annual International Conference

Dates: 16 & 17 June, 2025

Location: Genoa, Italy

Venue: To be confirmed

Tickets: On sale in September

Abstracts & applications for travel scholarships will be open in September. Please keep an eye on your emails.

Stay tuned for further updates and announcements as we finalise key details regarding the conference.

We'd like to invite expressions of interest to join the Conference Organising Committee and support the ILC in planning the 2025 Conference in Genoa, Italy. Email admin@ilcare.org to be considered.

ILC FOUNDING PARTNERS



Upcoming ILC Events

August 6 & 7: Strategy & Policy Forum (Member Only)

August 13: Europe / Africa / Middle East Regional Network Meeting [RSVP](#)

August 22: Americas Regional Network Meeting [RSVP](#)

August 27: Asia / Pacific Regional Network Meeting [RSVP](#)

September 3: ILC Research Special Interest Group (Member Only)

29-31 October: FoC Leadership & Mentoring Program - New Zealand [REGISTER](#)

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ILC Organisational Membership

The ILC has a focus on collaboration, and the implementation of Fundamental Care as a priority at an organisational level.

ILC membership demonstrates an organisation's ability to recognise and respond to the imperative need for the Fundamental Care to be expedited globally.

Thank you to our newest organisational member and final Founding Partner:

**Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora**

[Read about why Health New Zealand Partnered with the ILC here.](#)

The ILC's member organisations receive international recognition as an innovator in the Fundamentals of Care community.

Interested in engaging your care teams in the global effort to improve quality of care?

Contact admin@ilccare.org

