

Newsletter

September 2025



2025 CONFERENCE WRAP UP

The 2025 Annual International Conference in Genoa, Italy gathered over 240 people in-person and online, from 17 countries to discuss Global Collaboration, Local Action for Fundamentals of Care Innovation.

The conference brought together healthcare leaders, practitioners, educators, and researchers from around the world. The collaborative environment focused on advancing the fundamentals of care across practice, policy, education, and research.

Over the course of the conference, attendees engaged in thought-provoking presentations, interactive workshops, and dynamic networking sessions. One of the standout features of the conference was the opportunity for participants to connect with like-minded colleagues, share experiences, and build lasting professional networks. The Italian setting provided a rich cultural backdrop that inspired a renewed commitment to improving the care experience globally.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees describing the event as energising, relevant, and impactful. We look forward to continuing these important conversations and building on the momentum generated in Italy.

The conference committee will be working on the ILC 2025 Genoa Statement, but in the meantime, you can read our previous statements from past conferences below:

[2024 Oxford Statement](#), [2023 The Maine Statement](#) and [2022 Oxford Statement](#)

The 2026 ILC Annual Conference will be held in Oxford, UK. To be the first to hear when tickets go on sale, [please make sure your membership is up to date](#).

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ILC 2025 Conference

Two
Days in Genoa, Italy

247
Attendees

17
Countries Represented

30
Presentations

74
Posters

3
Workshops





CONFERENCE POSTERS

The conference poster sessions showcased over 74 projects, providing a platform for attendees to present their work and receive feedback from peers.

The winners of the poster competition were:

- Clinical Practice: Simone Kellenberger
- Education: Sharon Kurtz
- Research: Camilla Thorbøll Wæhrens

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 the Leadership & Mentoring Program.

2025 Scholarship Winners were:

- Sharon Kurtz, United States
- Rebecca Lemieux, Canada
- Amanda Tate, Australia
- Maria Pindstrup Søndergaard, Denmark
- Phillisters Ariko, Rwanda

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) GENOA, ITALY



We delivered a successful Leadership and Mentoring Program (LAMP) in Italy, bringing together a diverse group of healthcare professionals committed to change how fundamental care is prioritised and actioned within their organisation.

The workshop focused on developing core leadership capabilities, fostering reflective practice, and building confidence to influence care within complex healthcare systems.

The workshop provided a supportive space for emerging and experienced leaders to share insights, challenge assumptions, and refine their leadership goals.

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 the [Gold Coast in October 2025.](#)

'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

GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA
13 - 15 OCTOBER 2025

Start your 12-month care leadership and mentoring program with international experts in fundamental care.

The FoC Leadership & Mentoring Program (LAMP) will empower you to challenge and change how fundamentals of care is valued, prioritised, and actioned within your organisation.

Co-hosted by Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (GCHHS)

[TICKETS HERE](#)





OXFORD - OUR 2026 CONFERENCE LOCATION

We're excited to announce that the ILC Annual International Conference will head back to Oxford in 2026.

ILC 2026 Annual International Conference

Dates: 13th & 14 of June 2025

Location: Saïd Business School, Oxford

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.

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Upcoming ILC Events

10 September: Strategy & Policy Forum (Member Only)

30 Sept - 1 October : Clinical Practice SIG (Member Only) [RSVP 1](#) / [RSVP 2](#)

October 7: Education SIG (Member Only) [RSVP 1](#) / [RSVP 2](#)

13-15 October: Leadership & Mentoring Program - Gold Coast - [TICKETS](#)

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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.

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

