# Breakout sessions

## 1. Transforming very young lives

**The Welsh government approach to speech and language development in early years**  
Catherine Pape, Specialist SLT, Powys University Health Board

**Making a difference in tiny lives: the development and impact of a neonatal and highly complex needs speech and language therapy network across Northern Ireland**  
Julie Dick, Consultant SLT, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

## 2. Transforming young lives

**It ain’t what you do, it’s the way that you do it: examining the delivery components of treatment evaluation**  
Dr Vicky Slonims  Senior Consultant SLT, Team Lead for Newcomen Neurodevelopmental Service and Visiting Reader in Complex Communication Disorders, King’s College London Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience

**Evidence-based practice for children with phonological impairment: We have it SuSSD**  
Natalie Hegarty, SLT and PhD Researcher, Ulster University

## 3. Transforming older lives

**Transforming EBP: What counts as evidence? Scaffolding informed decision-making by utilising the totality of knowledge and evidence**  
Dr Arlene McCurtin, Lecturer in Speech and Language Therapy, University of Limerick

**The contribution of speech and language therapists to awake craniotomy; a UK perspective**  
Michelle O’Neill, Advanced SLT, Ulster University

## 4. Transforming our world

**Communication access transforms lives**  
Toby Hewson, Vice Chair, Communication Matters

**The public health perspective: how speech and language therapy transforms lives through delivering together**  
Shima Choudhury, Regional Sure Start Speech Language and Communication Coordinator, Public Health Agency, Health and Social Care Board

## 5. Transforming ourselves

**Changing how we communicate online**  
Alan Meban (@alaninbelfast), blogger, Tweeter, live-streamer, trainer

**Transform your presentation skills for maximum impact**  
Arlene O’Connor, Director and Founder, Brown O’Connor Communications

## 6. Transforming ourselves: students and newly qualified practitioners only

**Making an impact – Interview and presentation skills in speech and language therapy**  
Ceara Gallagher, Clinical and Service Lead for Preschool DLD, South East Health and Social Care Trust; Chair, RCSLT NI Hub Forum; and  
Orla Duffy, Lecturer, Ulster University