

National Indexing Day, Tuesday 31 March 2026
Publishers Association, 50 Southwark Street, London SE1 1UN

Outline programme

Registration and coffee

Welcome

1 Why indexes matter (Paula Clarke Bain)

- value and purpose of indexes
- indexes and book marketing
- characteristics of quality indexes
- finding and working with an indexer

2 Making knowledge accessible (Rachel Gee)

- indexing with readers' needs in mind
- organising information: headings and subheadings
- promoting accessibility: synonyms and cross-references

Break

3 Index usability and technology (Tanya Izzard)

- accessibility of index layout and format choices
- indexing software and publishing workflows
- embedded indexing and ebooks: accessible active indexes
- automation and AI: research into indexing options

4 Indexing, a practical session of (Paula Clarke Bain)

- interactive live indexing exercise
- group discussion of experience
- index review summary

5 Q&A panel session: ask the indexers

Close

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