

The Caribbean Deaf Education Conference 2026

22nd July to 25th July 2026

School of Education, St Augustine Trinidad and Tobago

Draft Programme

Wednesday 22nd July

Registration open

Pre-conference workshops:

Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language (Ian)

Developing a Parent Sign Language Curriculum (Kristin)

Translanguaging Pedagogies in Deaf Education (Kimberly)

Beach trip?

Evening event?

Thursday 23rd July

8:30-9:00	Registration (Auditorium entrance? – might be better somewhere else to prevent a traffic jam?)		
9:00-9:30	Opening Ceremony Welcome from conference chair (Paulson Skerit), Principal, Minister of Education, Minister of Social Services and Family Development, Dean, & Director of SOE, Performance. Maybe include 'housekeeping' here too?		
9:30-10:30	Feature Presenter 1: Dr Kimberly Wolbers, the University of Tennessee Rethinking Literacy: What Really Predicts Reading and Writing Success of Deaf Students? Venue: Auditorium Chair: Paulson Skerit Presentation language: ASL		
10:30-11:00	morning break (325/326)		
	203 & 204 presentations / workshop	219 & 228 presentations / workshop	323 & 324 presentations / workshop
11:00-11:30			
11:30-12:00			
12:00-12:30			
12:30-13:30	lunch (venue?)		
13:30-14:30	Feature Presenter 2: Yarett Piñeiro-Rodriguez, ASLES When Trauma Disrupts Learning: A Neuroscience-Based Approach to Deaf Education. Venue: Auditorium Chair: Dr Ben Braithwaite Presentation language: ASL/LSPR?		
14:30-15:30	Poster Session Venue: SOE Library		
15:30-16:00	afternoon break (325/326)		
	203 & 204 presentations / workshop	219 & 228 presentations / workshop	323 & 324 presentations / workshop
16:00-16:30			
16:30-17:00			
17:00-17:30			

Friday 24th July

8:30-9:00	Registration (Auditorium entrance? – might be better somewhere else to prevent a traffic jam?)		
9:00-10:00	Feature Presenter 3: Dr Kristin Snoddon, Toronto Metropolitan University Deaf Childhoods in the Caribbean Venue: Auditorium, Chair: Ian Dhanoolal Presentation language: ASL		
10:00-10:30	Panel discussion 1 Venue: Auditorium		
10:30-11:00	morning break (325/326)		
	203 & 204 presentations / workshop	219 & 228 presentations / workshop	323 & 324 presentations / workshop
11:00-11:30			
11:30-12:00			
12:00-12:30			
12:30-13:30	lunch (venue?)		
13:30-14:30	Feature Presenter 4: Maleni Chaitoo Venue: Auditorium. Chair: Patrice Wallen Presentation language: ASL		
	203 & 204 presentations / workshop	219 & 228 presentations / workshop	323 & 324 presentations / workshop
14:30-15:00			
15:00-15:30			
15:30-16:00	afternoon break (325/326)		
16:00-17:00	Feature Presenter 5: Andre Witter, Ready To Sign Venue: Auditorium. Chair: Dr Danielle Thompson Presentation language: ASL/JSL		

Friday evening: Conference Dinner and Social. Venue to be decided.

Saturday 24th July

8:30-9:00	Registration (Auditorium entrance? – might be better somewhere else to prevent a traffic jam?)		
9:00-10:00	Feature Presenter 6: Dr Onudeah Nicolarakis Leadership for Language Justice: Re-centering Deaf Children in Educational Systems in Local and Global Contexts Venue: Auditorium, Chair: Qushiba La Fleur Presentation language: ASL		
10:00-10:30	Panel discussion 2 Venue: Auditorium		
10:30-11:00	morning break (325/326)		
	203 & 204 presentations / workshop	219 & 228 presentations / workshop	323 & 324 presentations / workshop
11:00-11:30			
11:30-12:00			
12:00-12:30			
12:30-13:00	Closing Ceremony Comments from Director of SOE, Conference Chair. Vote of thanks: Ian Dhanoolal. Venue: Auditorium Chair: Dr Keren Cumberbatch		
13:00-14:00	lunch (venue?)		
14:00-17:00	Deaf Expo Venue: Multipurpose Hall, Freedom Hall?		

Original programme: 6 feature presentations, 27 presentations, 4 workshops, 2 panel discussions, no poster session

Revised programme: 42 slots (workshops take 3 slots), 2 panel discussions, 1 poster session