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WELCOME FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the newsletter of the Board of Occupational Science Europe. This provides us with an opportunity to showcase occupational science developments, share opportunities and engage with you as members.

This is a time of change within OSE, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to Georg Gappmayer, Silvia Veiga-Seijo, and Margarita Mondaca who have been invaluable members of the board, contributing enormously to the work of OSE. As they step down, Georg, Silvia and Margarita are thankful for six interesting and great years on the board, and we express our gratitude for the lasting impact of their commitment and contributions on the organisation.

We would like to welcome the new members joining us to continue this valuable work: Petra Wagman, Michelle Bergin, Lisette Farias and Stina Meyer Larsen. We are very much looking forward to working together and to the contributions and perspectives they will bring to the next phase of OSE. We would also like to thank all candidates who stood for election.

We truly appreciate the time, effort, and willingness to contribute shown by everyone who put themselves forward.

We hope you enjoy the content of this newsletter, and it encourages you to engage with OSE in our aim to develop the contribution of occupational science in Europe.

Claire Hart - Chair of the Board



OSE 2027 CONFERENCE



Occupational Science

without Borders

Ljubljana, 2027

As announced in the previous newsletter, the 9th Occupational Science Europe Conference will be hosted by the **Department of Occupational Therapy at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ljubljana**.



The conference will take place on the **20th and 21st of August 2027**, with 19th of August reserved for pre-conference workshops.

The conference title, Occupational Science without Borders: Intercultural Connections for a Relevant Study of Occupation, reflects the vision of the conference. We aim to continue the legacy of previous conferences as well as encourage discussions on the study of occupation in new contexts, including voices that may not have been heard yet.

The main themes have been developed around different perspectives relevant to the study of occupation and include opportunities to discuss methodology, the implementation of occupational science theory and concepts, and to reflect on occupational science beyond English-speaking countries.

The first call for abstracts is expected at the end of summer, so you can begin considering your contributions. For theme descriptions, visit:

<https://www.zf.uni-lj.si/en/events/occupational-science-europe-conference-2027/>

The website will be regularly updated, so stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you to green Ljubljana!



Occupational Science Europe Membership Survey 2026



What is this survey about?

We are inviting all our network members to help guide the future priorities and activities of the OSE Board.



Will it take long?

No, the survey asks you to answer five short questions on the issues you would like us to prioritise, the types of activities you are interested in and contributions.



A reminder of OSE's current aims

OSE is **open to everyone** and **free to join**, and we actively encourage diverse perspectives, disciplines, and forms of knowledge.

Your feedback will help guide our future priorities and activities.

Occupational Science Europe aims to support the development of occupational science throughout Europe. Our mission, informed by dialogue emphasises interdisciplinary collaboration, democratic engagement and inclusion of underrepresented perspectives and social transformation to create fair, just and sustainable societies.

Explore our website for examples of previous initiatives

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SCAN THE QR CODE to access the survey

Thank you for taking the time to contribute.



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OTS IN SOLIDARITY

A webinar fundraiser series · Moving People Network & OT in the Margins
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What does it mean to practice occupational therapy in the midst of bombardment? To continue documenting, treating, and advocating when your clinic has been bombed, your internet is cut, and your colleagues have been displaced or killed?



OTs in Solidarity is a six-session virtual webinar series bringing together occupational therapists from conflict-affected and crisis contexts to share their experiences, centre their expertise, and raise funds to support their ongoing work. The series is co-organised by the Moving People Interdisciplinary Research Network at Umeå University and @OTintheMargins.

This series exists because solidarity is not a statement but a practice. And right now, OTs in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Haiti, and beyond need more than our words.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

The series is open to all occupational therapists, occupational scientists, students, and allied health professionals who want to bear witness, learn from colleagues working in unstable conditions, and take concrete action in support of them.

CONTRIBUTORS FROM

Gaza - Lebanon - Ukraine - Haiti - Ethiopia - Syria - Kenya

WHERE FUNDS GO

All proceeds go directly to occupational therapists affected by Israeli violence in Lebanon, and to supporting OT practitioners in other crisis-affected contexts represented in the series.

OTS IN SOLIDARITY

SERIES SCHEDULE — ALL SESSIONS 7PM BEIRUT TIME

1. Session 1 — Completed
2. Session 2 — Completed
3. Session 3 — Saturday 6 June, 7PM Beirut time - 6PM CET
4. Session 4 — Sunday 21 June, 7PM Beirut time - 6PM CET
5. Session 5 — Saturday 28 June, 7PM Beirut time - 6PM CET
6. Final session — Friday 4 July, 7PM Beirut time - 6PM CET

Dates subject to change.

Follow @OTintheMargins on Instagram or Lizzie Andare on LinkedIn for latest updates & registration links

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Sessions are free to attend.

Registration links for each session are shared via @OTintheMargins on Instagram and Lizzie Andare on LinkedIn ahead of each date.



CAN'T ATTEND LIVE? - DONATE

If you are unable to join a session live, consider making a donation, supporting OTs in crisis contexts is the heart of this series, and every contribution counts regardless of whether you can attend. All donations go directly to OTs affected by crisis. The donation link is available via the OT in the Margins bio and is shared before each session.



SPREAD THE WORD

Share this series with your networks, your colleagues, your students. Amplifying the voices of OTs working in crisis is itself an act of solidarity.

Organised by OT in the Margins (@OTintheMargins) and the Moving People Interdisciplinary Research Network, Umeå University. Contact: elizabethandare254@gmail.com LinkedIn: Lizzie Andare

LANGUAGE GROUPS



Société Francophone de Recherche sur les Occupations

At the Société Francophone de Recherche sur les Occupations (SFRO), we recently launched a series of **French-language interest groups** to connect people around shared research and practice interests in occupations.



One group focuses on teaching occupational science. A first meeting has already taken place with participants from across the Francophone community sharing ideas, teaching experiences, and pedagogical approaches. The next meeting, on June 4th, will focus on participants' "successes" in teaching occupational science, while a later meeting will explore current challenges in teaching and curriculum development.

A second group focuses on occupations and technologies, bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives on topics such as assistive technologies, digital environments, and the ways technologies are transforming occupations. Its first meeting took place in May and gathered researchers, educators, and professionals from occupational science, economics, occupational therapy, and engineering, involved in philosophy, neuroscience, robotics, silverttech and digital health from several countries. The second meeting will take place in the second half of July.

These groups are informal, collaborative spaces designed to help people meet peers, exchange ideas, form collaborations, and support future research or knowledge-production initiatives in French.

If you would like to learn more or join one of the groups, feel free to contact us at: sfro.occupations@gmail.com.

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dOS Working Meeting 2025: Exploring Conciliatory Occupations

Since our last newsletter, one of the key events for dOS was the Working Meeting held on November 21, 2025, at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences.



Following an informal networking session that provided opportunities for exchange and connection, participants explored the concept of conciliatory occupations.



Figure 1: working meeting in Osnabrück on November 21, 2026

We were delighted that **Lilian Magalhães** was able to join us virtually and share her perspectives on this emerging Occupational Science concept. Her contribution inspired a stimulating discussion about the potential of occupations to foster dialogue, reconciliation, and social transformation.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to engage with current Occupational Science scholarship while reflecting on its relevance within German and international contexts. We would like to thank Lilian Magalhães and all participants for their valuable contributions and for making the event such an inspiring and enjoyable exchange

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Occupational Science Meets Futures Studies

One of the highlights of 2026 is the **participation of dOS at the German Occupational Therapy Congress**. This year's dOS session, titled “**Occupational Science Meets Futures Studies,**” will explore how futures are shaped through occupation and how occupations contribute to creating possible and desirable futures.

For this discussion, dOS has invited a futures researcher to engage in dialogue with occupational scientists and occupational therapists. The session represents the 7th dOS contribution to a national Occupational Therapy Congress, continuing a series of congress sessions that have highlighted the relevance of Occupational Science for occupational therapy practice, education, and research.

Previous dOS congress sessions have addressed topics such as occupational transitions, aging in place, flow, occupational possibilities, and the relationship between Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy as allied fields. Through these contributions, dOS seeks to demonstrate how Occupational Science can enrich professional reasoning and practice in occupational therapy.

In addition, the dOS Working Group “Occupational Science as a Teaching Subject” will present its ongoing work on integrating Occupational Science into vocational occupational therapy education in Germany.



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dOS – Celebrating Five Years and Looking Ahead

The year 2026 marks an important milestone for the German Occupational Science Society (dOS), which will celebrate its fifth anniversary as a registered association on November 13, 2026. Founded in 2021 from a working group that had been promoting Occupational Science in Germany since 2017, dOS has grown into an important platform for Occupational Science discourse through working meetings, congress contributions, international collaborations, and thematic working groups.

The anniversary celebration will bring members together in Berlin to reflect on the association's journey, discuss achievements and challenges, and explore future directions for strengthening Occupational Science within education, practice, and research in Germany. Continuing International Exchange International dialogue remains a central aspect of dOS activities. Towards the end of 2026, dOS plans to host another online event with an international Occupational Science scholar.



This event will continue a series of exchanges with international colleagues that have included:

- Clare Hocking (New Zealand) on Occupational Justice
- Niki Kiepek (Canada) on Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Occupations
- Rebecca Aldrich (USA) on Third Places and Occupations
- Debbie Rudman (Canada) on Occupational Possibilities
- Lilian Magalhães (Brazil) on Conciliatory Occupations

These discussions have provided valuable opportunities to engage with contemporary Occupational Science concepts and to consider their relevance within German and international contexts.

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Ongoing Activities

In addition to these events, dOS continues its work through several active working groups:

- *Transactional Perspectives on Occupation*
- *Occupational Science as a Teaching Subject*
- *Journal of Occupational Science (JOS) Translation Team*

These groups contribute to the ongoing development, dissemination, and discussion of Occupational Science concepts in Germany and support connections between international scholarship and local practice.

As dOS enters its sixth year as an association, it remains committed to promoting Occupational Science, encouraging critical dialogue, and strengthening international exchange.

We look forward to continuing these conversations and collaborations with colleagues around the world.

For further information about dOS and its activities, please contact: osdeutsch@gmail.com

Website:
www.occupationalscience.de



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER ISSUE

Call for Contributions

We warmly invite submissions for inclusion in our bi-annual newsletter. This is an opportunity to share and promote your:

- Courses and modules
- Conferences, seminars, and workshops
- Research activities (including PhD and postdoctoral opportunities)
- Any other events or resources relevant to occupational science

The newsletter is circulated to all members and published on our website. This can help to share your activities with a wider audience and support engagement by promoting them ahead of time.

Submission requirements:

Please provide the Title and a brief overview of your event (you may also include a poster, flyer or website link), along with:

- Location (online or in person)
- Date and time
- Registration details (who can attend and how to register)
- Language
- Any logos you wish included.
- Contact name

Submission deadlines:

December Newsletter: 15th November

Submissions can be sent to: occupationalscienceeurope@gmail.com (please include “Newsletter” in the subject line).



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