




Thrive scientific conference:

Scaling early childhood development programmes and policies in low- and middle-income countries

 London, England

 24-25 June, 2025

Call for papers now open!

Thrive, on behalf of Oxford Policy Management (OPM) and the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), is hosting an international interdisciplinary conference on the topic of scaling early childhood development (ECD) programmes and policies in low- and middle-income (LMIC) countries.

Conference focus

1. What works – Innovative ECD approaches with potential for scale
2. Implementation at scale – Transitioning to large-scale interventions
3. Equity and inclusion – how to make sure scaling is equitable and inclusive
4. Measurement and assessment at scale

How to submit your abstract

Extended abstracts 800-1000 words (maximum 1000) should be submitted via [this form](#) or by email at Thriveconference@opml.co.uk. Notifications of acceptance will be circulated by 28 March 2025.

More information [here](#). Download the [Call for paper](#).

Deadline: 31 January 2025.

Speakers

- **Lia Fernald** (Professor of Community Health Sciences, Brian and Jennifer Maxwell Endowed Chair in Public Health, University of California, Berkeley)
- **Mark Tomlinson** (Professor in the Psychology Department at Universiteit Stellenbosch)
- **Florencia Lopez-Boo** (Director, Global Ties, NYU)
- **Mushfique Mubarak** (Professor of Economics, Yale University)
- **Joan Lombardi** (Adjunct professor, Thrive Center for Child, Families and Communities)