

Guidelines for Poster Flash Presentations - 30-second Introductions

To help attendees navigate the poster session, each presenter will give a 30-second verbal overview of their poster on Day 2 at 2:30 pm in the Rutherford Lecture Theatre. These “Flash Presentations” are brief, spoken summaries — no slides or visual aids.

Purpose

- Your goal is to:
- Tell the audience what your poster is about
- Explain why it matters
- Encourage people to come and talk to you during the poster session

Time Limit

- You have 30 seconds maximum
- This is roughly 3–5 sentences or 60–75 words

Suggested Structure

A simple structure that works well:

1. Start with your name and affiliation
“I’m Alex Smith from the University of Manchester.”
2. State the topic or question
“My poster looks at how trace elements records in metamorphic rocks.”
3. Give one key finding or idea
“We show that zircon inclusions preserve pressure–temperature paths more reliably than previously thought.”
4. End with an invitation
“If you’re interested in metamorphic processes or microanalysis, please come and chat.”

Tips for a Strong Introduction

Keep it simple — avoid technical detail that needs a figure to explain.

- Focus on the big picture — what’s the take-home message.
- Speak clearly and at a steady pace — rushing makes it harder to follow.

What Not to Do

- Don’t try to summarise your entire poster.
- Don’t exceed the time limit; we have ~40 posters to get through.