

Preliminary Programme

U-CARE Venue 2026

Better Evidence for All

Increasing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Clinical Research

16–17 November 2026

University Main Building, Room IX, Uppsala

Programme

Monday 16 November

09:00 – 09:30

Coffee and registration
outside room IX

09:30 – 09:45

Welcome address

*Louise von Essen, Professor
U-CARE Programme Director
Uppsala University*

09:45 – 10:00

Introduction

*Joanne Woodford, Docent
Uppsala University*

10:00 – 10:30

Improving inclusivity in health research

*Shoba Dawson, Associate Professor
University of Bristol*

10:30 – 11:00

**Representation and outcomes of
individuals with severe mental
disorders who would be ineligible for
participation in randomised clinical
trials**

*Heidi Taipale, Docent
Karolinska Institutet*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee outside room IX

11:30 – 12:00

Spatial inequality in health

From global patterns to local
neighbourhoods and methodological
challenges

*Mattias Öhman, Docent
Uppsala University*

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Monday 16 November

12:00 – 12:30

Can we steer trial design towards advancing EDI?

Opportunities and challenges of pragmatic and decentralised trial approaches

*Mira Zuidgeest, Associate Professor
University Medical Center Utrecht*

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch at Café Alma

13:30 – 14:45

PhD student presentations

*Moderated by Frida Svedin, PhD
Uppsala University*

Victoria Awortwe, Uppsala University

Jill Doyle, Boston College Connell School of Nursing

Rummage Isaac, Red Cross University

Rogers Kissiti, Red Cross University

Christina Reuther, Uppsala University

14:45 – 15:15

Coffee outside room IX

15:15 – 15:45

Experiences of implementing a co-designed intervention with families of children with disabilities in Nepal

*Carin Andrews, PhD
Uppsala University*

15:45 – 16:30

Round table discussion

*Moderated by Kine Johansen, PhD
Uppsala University, and Shaun Treweek, Guest
Professor Uppsala University*

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Tuesday 17 November

09:00 – 09:15

Introduction

*Joanne Woodford, Docent
Uppsala University*

09:15 – 09:50

Human and machine

Embedding EDI in clinical trials

*Frances Shiely, Professor
University College Cork*

09:50 – 10:25

NIHR inclusion: Progress, challenges and opportunities

A funder's perspective

*Esther Mukuka, PhD
Director of Research Inclusions
National Institute for Health and Care Research*

10:25 – 10:55

Coffee outside room IX

10:55 – 11:05

Celebrating Louise von Essen's career

*Joanne Woodford, Docent
Uppsala University*

11:05 – 11:55

Panel discussion

Celebrating Louise von Essen's career

*Moderated by Sophie Gaber, Docent
Uppsala University*

Anders Brantnell, Docent, Uppsala University

Tommy Carlsson, Docent, Red Cross University

Helena Grönqvist, Docent, Uppsala University

Elisabet Mattsson, Professor Emerita, Marie Cederschiöld University

Lena Wettergren, Professor, Uppsala University

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Tuesday 17 November

11:55 – 12:00

Farewell address

*Joanne Woodford, Docent
Uppsala University*

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch at Café Alma

13:00 – 16:00

For a limited number of pre-registered attendees:

Post-conference workshop

How to make trials more inclusive
Room I

Facilitated by:

*Laura Hermann, NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow
University of Hull*

*Jitka Rychlíčková, Assistant Professor
Masaryk University*

*Frances Shiely, Professor
University College Cork*

*Shaun Treweek, Guest Professor
Uppsala University*

*Andrew Willis, Researcher
University College Cork*