The International Digital Health and Care Congress offers a fantastic opportunity for professionals from the world of health and care services to learn more about the innovative way in which health can be improved through the use of technology.

The three-day forum will feature a diverse mixture of activities, including keynote speeches from leading international experts in the area of digital health; a poster exhibition; a pre-congress seminar for academics looking at the latest research and evaluation methodologies and considerations; and two days of plenary and breakout sessions focusing on the advancements and benefits of digital health and care.

Keynote presentations will include:

NHS England on how the NHS is embracing technology. This presentation will feature examples of some of the products and processes that NHS England is currently working on. These include the Open Source Programme which is delivering digital solutions, such as Electronic Health Records, to the care community, and the Integrated Digital Care Fund, which is supporting the effective delivery of digital health projects.

Ali Parsa, Founder and CEO of Babylon, on how Babylon’s new app is changing the way people access health care services. Ali will explain how the app lets you book virtual GP consultations with professional clinicians, monitor symptoms and receive prescriptions, and what applications like this mean for the future of health care delivery.

Kathleen Frisbee, Co-Director, Connected Health (Program Director) at The Department of Veterans Affairs in the US, will talk about work that the VA has done in assessing the impact of mobile health apps and predicting mobile health app use.

Breakout sessions

The breakout sessions are an excellent opportunity for delegates to hear about current digital health projects that are being delivered all over the world. The sessions are made up from more than 70 projects that have been through an extensive review process and have been selected based on their originality, quality and relevance, differing the event from others in the market.

This year you can expect to learn about projects as diverse as: An approach to the design of internet delivered services for those near the end of life; Digital patient-controlled records in end of life care; Development of an online platform to support the self-management of symptoms and promote the wellbeing of people with cardiovascular disease.

Networking and sharing experiences

In addition to the official congress programme there are plenty of opportunities for delegates to network with exhibitors, speakers and each other at the fringe breakfast workshops that are being run on days two and three of the event. There’s also a drinks reception and the eagerly anticipated congress dinner which provides a perfect opportunity to discuss all things digital health over a three course dinner at The King’s Fund’s Grade II-listed Georgian Townhouse in London’s West End.

You can find more information about the congress on The King’s Fund’s website.

If you’re on LinkedIn why not join the congress LinkedIn group and benefit from congress updates and popular discussions on digital health.