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# Promoting Dementia Friendly Skies: Air Travel experiences and Occupational Therapy innovation

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**Session Details**

<b>Speaker Name:</b> <b>Job Title:</b> <b>Company Name:</b>	Dr Kate Turner Lecturer in Occupational Therapy Dr Alison Warren Research Lead in Occupational Therapy University of Plymouth
<b>Presenter Biography:</b> <i>(Max 100 words summarising your professional background – in third person)</i>	<p>Dr Kate Turner is a Lecturer in Occupational Therapy at the University of Plymouth. Her PhD focussed on the accessibility of air travel for passengers living with dementia and those who travel with them. Kate continues to represent the access needs of passengers living with dementia within the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Dr Alison Warren is Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Plymouth. Her professional practice is mainly in dementia care, mental health and community settings. Research interests include the use of technology in healthcare, supporting people living with dementia to engage in meaningful occupation and innovation in placements.</p>
<b>Presentation Title:</b>	Promoting Dementia Friendly Skies: Air Travel experiences and Occupational Therapy innovation.
<b>Presentation Synopsis:</b> <i>(50-100 word summary of the presentation)</i>	Air travel often connects people with significant people and places, facilitating engagement in meaningful occupations. Anecdotal and growing research evidence highlights that some people living with dementia have experienced barriers to flying. This presentation will outline research led by occupational therapists to promote accessibility to air travel for this group.

**Learning Points:**

*(3-4 learning outcomes for delegates who attend the session)*

To increase understanding of the common barriers and facilitators to air travel for people living with dementia and travel companions.

To raise awareness of the rights of passengers with hidden disabilities when travelling from and within the United Kingdom.

To highlight global developments related to promoting dementia friendly skies.