**2026 Elizabeth Casson Memorial Lecture**

Nomination form

**What is the Elizabeth Casson Memorial Lecture?**

This lecture is a memorial to Elizabeth Casson (1881–1954) in honour of her contribution to the occupational therapy profession. She was the first woman to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University of Bristol in 1929. She introduced occupational therapy to England, setting up the first school, Dorset House in Bristol.

**Who are we looking for? Our criteria:**

Casson speakers are considered by their peers to be making a significant contribution to the development of our profession.

* A visionary professional who champions occupational therapy.
* An active member of RCOT who has challenged the status quo, and made an impact on the profession, to benefit the people we work with.
* An excellent communicator, who is inspirational in their area of work.

**How to apply**

Fill in this form and ask the person you’re nominating to deliver the Casson Lecture (nominee) to sign this form to confirm they agree. As the nominator, you will need to get in touch with the nominee directly for a CV or additional information to complete the form.

We cannot accept nominations from RCOT staff members.

**About you – the nominator**

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| Name |  |
| RCOT membership no. |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Phone/mobile number |  |
| Email |  |
| Job title  |  |
| Employer |  |

**About the nominee**

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
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| Job title |  |
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Please share a brief biography about the nominated Casson lecturer including information about them and their connection with RCOT. (500 words max)

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Why do you feel the nominee meets the criteria for a Casson lecturer? (750 words max)

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In one sentence tell us why they should be a Casson lecturer.

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| Yes |  | No |  |

Is the person an experienced speaker?

Optional – please add any links to articles, webpages, presentations here or in a separate document.

**Please add their CV here or send in a separate document.**

**Please sign and date** –both you and the person you’re nominating need to sign this form.

I agree to be nominated for the Elizabeth Casson lectureship:

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| **Signature of nominee** |  | **Signature of nominator** |
| **Date**  |  | **Date** |

Return the form with the nominee’s CV to our Events Officer **dagmara.drozdowska@rcot.co.uk**by **midnight Sunday 14 September 2025**.

We also offer an alternative option to submit via video. Please contact us for more information.

## What we’ll do next

* We’ll review all nominations received by the closing date.
* We will share this information with relevant RCOT officers and the member committee selected to review speaker nominations.
* We will evaluate all nominations and select a maximum of five nominations to go to Council for final decision. Council members who nominate or are nominated will not be able to partake in the discussion or vote.
* We will inform all nominators of the outcome within three weeks of the final decision.
* Your information will be processed following GDPR principles and will be deleted when the process is completed.