



## So, You Want to Propose a NIME...

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NIME Leaders Workshop Facilitators





# The provocation

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## A DM on the NIME forum...

*NIME president, Fabio Morreale, just texted and YOU are running next year's NIME. You're up for it, but we need your proposal by tomorrow! What do you do?*

- Plan a NIME in an hour (seriously)
- Not a dream conference: what could you *actually* run with the resources you have?

### **The tools you have**

- NIME hosting proposal template
- NIME cookbook

# What goes in a proposal

<https://github.com/NIME-conference/nime-hosting-proposal-template>

1. Host Institution
2. General Chairs
3. Proposed Theme
4. Venue
5. Dates
6. Other Chairs
7. Sustainability
8. Diversity and Accessibility
9. Budget
10. Local Support

## Misconceptions about hosting

Hosting is more achievable than it looks, once you know where the money and the work really go.

**“Sponsors and grants pay for it.”** Nope. It’s mostly registrations.

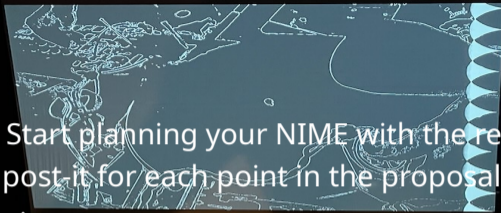
- **“Most pay full price.”** Most register at concession rates: NIME is largely student authors.
- **“The work ends when the conference starts.”** Music, proceedings, and hybrid all peak during the event.
- **“NIME needs a huge concert hall.”** It’s run in rehearsal rooms, clubs, theatres, lecture halls, classrooms, foyers, and galleries. If people can hear the sound and see the screen, the venue is probably good enough.

# The realities

The same facts as planning principles:

- **Finances:** budget on real registration income, mostly concession; keep fixed costs low, don't bank on sponsors.
- **Spaces:** fit the conference to venues you can access; flexible, cheap spaces save the most money.
- **Resources:** staff each phase with fresh people. No chair can sprint for six months, so have someone for music, proceedings, and hybrid.
- **Support:** a motivated local team and institutional backing make it feasible.

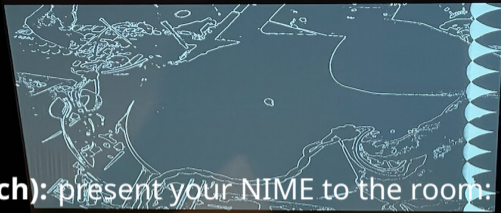
## Now it's your turn



**Plan a NIME:** Start planning your NIME with the resources you (or your group) have. Fill in a post-it for each point in the proposal list:

- Host Institution
- General Chairs
- Proposed Theme
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# Pitch it back



**Pitch (2m each):** present your NIME to the room: theme, venue, dates, and how it pays for itself.

- Former chairs reality-check against misconceptions, hidden supports, surprising constraints

# References