



About the Organisers: International Federation of Aromatherapists

First and Foremost Authority in Aromatherapy

- Established in **1985**, the IFA is the **first and oldest governing body for aromatherapy worldwide**
- The **first aromatherapy organisation to gain charity status (1986)** for public benefit
- Widely recognised as a **leading authority advancing safe and professional aromatherapy practice**

Pioneers in Healthcare Integration

- **Pioneered the introduction of aromatherapy into the NHS**, contributing to its acceptance within the medical profession
- Worked with **government health committees globally** to improve standards and practice
- Continues to advocate for aromatherapy as a **complementary healthcare modality**

Highest Standards in Education and Training

- Known for **setting the benchmark in aromatherapy education and qualifications**
- Introduced **quality assurance and externally invigilated examinations (1989)**
- Curriculum developed by experts trained by **leading pioneers in the field of aromatherapy**
- Graduates work across **clinical, healthcare, pharmaceutical, and wellbeing sectors**

Accredited, Trusted, and Government-Recognised

- The **first aromatherapy register approved by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA)**, accountable to Parliament



- Referenced by the **NHS, UK Government National Careers Service, and UCAS**
- Recognised by **local authorities and London boroughs** for high training standards and licensing exemptions
- Recommended by national media, including *The Guardian*

Influential Role in Policy and Research

- Stakeholder in the **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)**
- Active member of the **Integrated Healthcare Collaborative (IHC)** and other key bodies
- Contributor to the **All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)**
- Commissioned research with **Northumbria University**, validating aromatherapy in managing chronic stress

Commitment to Public Benefit and Charitable Work

- Supports the integration of aromatherapy into **rehabilitation and care programmes**
- Has assisted **over 50 charities in the past decade**
- Focused on **safe, evidence-informed use of essential oils for public wellbeing**

Established Voice and Published Authority

- Publisher of *Aromatherapy Times* (since 1986), **archived by the British Library**
- Provides **trusted information, research, and professional insight** to the field

Mission and Purpose

- Dedicated to **advancing knowledge and safe practice in aromatherapy**
- Represents the profession at **national and international levels**
- Committed to **protecting public health through education, standards, and advocacy**