

QUICK GUIDE FOR TWITTER ON MOBILE PHONES

One really good way to follow what's going on at the symposium and add your own comments is to use Twitter. We'll have a screen at the event showing all Twitter posts that include a special word - a "hashtag" that's specific to this event.

There are three things you need to do:

- 1) Sign up to Twitter at twitter.com – it's free and painless
- 2) Enable your mobile phone to post messages to Twitter (see Settings in your Twitter account).
- 3) Every time you post a message, include the word **#NPS1** (the hashtag). This enables people to find your message.



Here's a very brief intro to some applications and services which will help you Twitter on mobile devices.

- Dedicated Twitter applications allow you to organize your Twitter communications efficiently.
- Don't worry if your phone won't support a dedicated app, there are some web based services which emulate them quite well.
- However if you are mainly interested in following a specific person or topic you can do this effectively just by using Twitter.com and its companion web sites.

iPHONE

29 Twitter Apps for the iPhone Compared

<http://mashable.com/2009/05/02/twitter-iphone-apps/>

[Twitterfon](#): free

[TweeTie](#):

[Nambu](#): free

iPhone apps are available from the iPhone Apps Store

BLACKBERRY

Twitter Apps for Blackberry compared

<http://crackberry.com/twitter-roundup>

Twitterberry: free

<http://www.orangatame.com/products/twitterberry>

Twibble; free (*also for Nokia N95*)

more info:

<http://crackberry.com/twibble-new-java-twitter-app>

download: <http://m.twibble.de>

OTHER MOBILE PHONES

- All mobile phones can send messages to Twitter via SMS.
- If you have internet access on your phone, you can browse [Twitter.com](#) or twitter associated web sites.

[Dabr.co.uk](#) is a good web based alternative to a dedicated app. - [tweete.net](#) is another.

OPERA MINI

A really excellent browser for mobiles.

Often better than your phone's default browser.

<http://www.opera.com/mini/>

FOLLOWING A LIVE #HASHTAG or TOPIC

[TWAZZUP.COM](#) Powerful way to follow a major topic, conference or personality. Real-time live updates without having to refresh the page.

Enter the symposium hashtag **#NPS1** and follow all the live tweets.

AUDIO BOO

If you have an iPhone then this free app lets you send quite lengthy audio blogs to the web and automatically post the link to Twitter. Very high quality audio. <http://audioboo.fm/>

PHOTOS

[Twitpic.com](#)

[pikchur.com](#)

[yfrog.com](#) (+video)

[mobypicture.com](#)

[tweetphoto.com](#)

All these web sites allow you to upload images and will Tweet your message as well. Most will also allow you to upload images via SMS from your phone - *subject line usually becomes the caption.*

VIDEO

[QIK.COM](#)

Live video streaming / recording from your phone

Brilliant service if you've got the right sort of phone.

Can be configured to automatically Tweet a notification of a live or new recording.

Download free app for your phone. Works best if you have a 'smart phone' (N95, iPhone etc).

(Supposedly works with all Nokia S60 type phones)

[USTREAM.TV](#)

<http://www.ustream.tv/mobile>

This is another well established service

[12seconds.tv](#)

Lets you make a 12 second video

[BIT.LY](#)

One of the favourite URL shortening facilities

If you create your own account, it will save all the URLs you have shortened.

LINKING BLOGS + TWITTER

If you run a stand-alone copy of Wordpress, there are a number of plugins which will send a short extract to your Twitter account every time you add a new post.

This type of facility may be available on other blog services as well.

Remember to add the Symposium hashtag **#NPS1** to your blog posts as well.

More information on the Twitter Support pages:-

<http://help.twitter.com>

Details of Vodafone special short code SMS access to

Twitter:- <http://bit.ly/QqIFS>

This guide is not exhaustive and you may find other applications that better suite your particular phone. I have concentrated on recommendations from the twitter community and the services which seem to be used most frequently.

- Many of the services mentioned will happily accept your Twitter login.
- Data connections and Multimedia SMS may incur additional charges above your standard tariff.

#NPS1 is the official hashtag for the National Photography Symposium