

BIGSPD Annual Conference

Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th March 2020

Park Inn Northampton, Silver St, Northampton,
NN1 2TA



2020 Service User/Carer Bursary Application Form

The BIGSPD Bursary Scheme is open to service users and carers who would benefit from attending the annual conference. Each year BIGSPD commits to allocating 10% of conference places to the Bursary Scheme. Due to number of applications outstripping numbers of places available, BIGSPD operates an application process. The process takes into consideration a number of factors including, how many times a person has been in receipt of a bursary in the past; whether the person is in paid employment; what the person feels they would gain from attending the conference etc.

We also ask people to indicate whether they have submitted an abstract, or are named on an abstract, that has been accepted for the conference. We ask this question because BIGSPD is committed to encouraging coproduction. BIGSPD believes, therefore, that an organisation should fund places for ALL of the people giving a presentation – staff, service users and carers. If this is the case, then an applicant would not be eligible for the Bursary Scheme.

Once you have completed the application, it will be sent for selection and you will be informed of the outcome by **10th January 2020**.

If you are successful, the bursary will provide the following at BIGSPD 2020:

- **Attendance** for all three days at the Conference (Tuesday 24th March – Thursday 26th March).
- **Accommodation** at the Conference venue or nearby hotel for the evening of Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March 2020 (please note: hotel will be allocated at a later date)
- **Dinner** and entertainment on Tuesday 24th March 2020 (to be held at the Park Inn)
- **Gala Dinner**, welcome drink and entertainment Wednesday 25th March 2020 (to be held at the Guildhall, Northampton)

Please apply by **13th December 2019** to Lorraine, bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk

Title (Dr, Miss, Mrs, Ms, Prof)	
Surname	
First Name	
Address (inc Postcode)	

Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Dietary requirements	
Access/other requirements	

Are you: (please tick or x correct option)

Service User	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carer	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Which of the following best represents your employment status (please tick or x correct option)

Full time employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part time employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freelance eg. service user consultant or trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unwaged/in receipt of benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you have ticked 'other', please explain here:

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Why are you interested in attending the BIGSPD conference	
Briefly explain how you would benefit from a place at the conference.	
How many times in the past have you benefited from a free place at BIGSPD? If applicable,	

<p>please indicate date of the last time you received a free place</p>	
<p>Have you had an abstract accepted or are you part of an abstract with others that has been accepted to present at the conference</p>	<p>If yes, please indicate name of the abstract:</p>
<p>If you are awarded a free or subsidised place, will you or a supporting organisation be able to cover travel expenses to the conference?</p>	
<p>Any other information to support your application?</p>	

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