



BIGSPD Annual Conference Programme

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. 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.

We are proud of our exceptionally diverse audience for BIGSPD, with conference attendees including a wide range of clinicians, researchers, people with lived experience of personality disorder and other diagnoses, and family members. We know that some talks are not always easy to listen to and can bring up different feelings for people. We have asked our presenters to be sensitive to this in putting together their talks; however, inevitably, different topics may cause distress for different people. We will be providing a quiet area for anyone needing some space to reflect, and the BIGSPD Executive committee are always happy to have a chat with anyone who would like to say hello.

Once you have completed the application, it will be sent for selection, and you will be informed of the outcome.

If you are successful, the bursary will provide the following at BIGSPD 2023:

- **Attendance** for all three days at the Conference - **Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th June 2023.**
- **Accommodation** at Conference venue or nearby hotel for the evening of Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th June 2023 (please note, hotel will be allocated at a later date)
- **Dinner** and entertainment on Tuesday 13th June 2023 (will be held at the Radisson Blu, Glasgow)
- Networking Event with drinks, buffet & entertainment. City Chambers, Glasgow

Please apply by **24th March 2023** to Lorraine bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk

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Name Title (Dr, Miss, Mrs, Ms, Prof.)

Address

Postcode Telephone

E-mail

Are you: (please tick or x correct option)

Service User Carer

Which of the following best represents your employment status? (Please tick)

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:

Please tick your requirements for accommodation and evening events at the conference:

I will require accommodation for:			
Tuesday 13 th June 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 14 th June 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Accommodation		<input type="checkbox"/>	
I wish to attend the Dinner at the Radisson Blu, Glasgow Tuesday 13 th June 2023		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to attend the Networking Event with drinks, buffet & entertainment. City Chambers, Glasgow Wednesday 14 th June 2023		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Dietary requirements

Access/other requirements

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 bursary place at BIGSPD? If applicable, please indicate date of the last time you received a bursary place.	

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

Please complete for quality monitoring purposes:

Please enter your gender identity	
Please indicate your ethnicity	
Do you identify with the difficulties often associated with a diagnosis of 'personality disorder'	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you consider yourself to be neurodiverse e.g. autistic, ADHD, dyspraxia?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Important Information:

- Registrations are based on individual delegates and cannot be shared with others.
- Whilst we appreciate some applicants will have additional needs, we may not be able to cater for every individual requirement.

Please return completed form by **24th March 2023** to:

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