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**Service User/Carer**

**Bursary Application Form**

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th June 2025

Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh Place, Liverpool, L3 5UL

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 2025:

* **Attendance** for all three days at the Conference - **Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th June 2025**.
* **Accommodation** at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool for the 10th & 11th of June
* **Tuesday 10th June 2025** - Networking Event - Welcome drinks, canapes & entertainment
* **Wednesday 12th June 2025** - Gala Dinner and entertainment

Please note the bursary does not include travel reimbursement.

**Please return completed form by 22nd January 2025 to: E-mail:** [**bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk**](mailto:bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk)

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**238 Main Street, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 2HP**

**Important Information:**

Registrations are based on individual delegates and cannot be shared with others.

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**Name Prefix**

**Address**

**Postcode Telephone**

**E-mail**

**Are you:** (please delete as required) **Service User / Carer**

**Which of the following best represents your employment status?** (Please mark with an X)

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| Full time employment |  | Part time employment |  | Freelance e.g. service user consultant or trainer |  | Low Income |  | Other |  |

If you have marker ‘other’, please explain here:

**Please complete the following for your requirements for evening events and accommodation at the conference:**

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| I wish to attend the Networking Event on Tuesday 10th June 2025 | Yes | No |
| I wish to attend the Gala Dinner on Wednesday 11th June 2025 | Yes | No |
| I require accommodation for the 10th and 11th of June 2025 at the Adelphi Hotel | Yes | No |

**Please complete all the questions below.**

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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 bursary place at BIGSPD? If applicable, please indicate date of the last time you received a bursary place. | |  |
| Have you submitted an abstract or are you part of an abstract with others that has been submitted 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 the table below. (This information will be used to complete your registration if you are successful in your application)

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| **Dietary & Accessibility Requirements**  If you require special assistance at the conference, please submit a description of your requirements to [bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk](mailto:bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk)  **Please tick if you require a special diet:**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Halal |  | Vegetarian |  | Vegan |  | Gluten-Free |  | Dairy-Free |  | Other |  |   If other, please give details:  Whilst we appreciate some delegates will have additional needs, we may not be able to cater for every individual dietary requirement. |
| **Equality Diversity & Inclusion Monitoring**  Please complete the following questions for quality monitoring purposes.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Please enter you gender identity |  | | | Please indicate your ethnicity |  | | | Do you identify with the difficulties often associated with a diagnosis of 'personality disorder'? | Yes | No | | Do you consider yourself to be neurodiverse e.g. autistic, ADHD, dyspraxia? | Yes | No | |
| **Mental Health Review Journal Access**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Please tick to confirm if you wish to access the Mental Health Review Journal**  (Access is included as part of BIGSPD membership) | Yes | No | |

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