

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(subject to change)

Monday 8 July

19.00 – 20.00 Welcome reception

Join us and your fellow delegates in the County Suite Braz Bar for welcome drinks
Kindly provided by The Staverton Park Hotel and Golf Club

Tuesday 9 July

09.00 – 09.30 Networking and registration

09.00 Join us for an informal breakfast and meet your fellow delegates and presenters

09.30 – 15.25 Communicating science to a non-scientific audience

09.30	Welcome to MND EnCourAge UK 2024	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
09.35	An introduction to MND research and the MND Association	Dr Nick Cole, MND Association
09.45	Audience engagement interactive workshop (TBC)	Simon Hall, University of Cambridge

11.45 BREAK

12.05 Lightning Talks – Part 1

12.45 Lightning Talks Feedback and Q&As **Chairs - TBC**

13.00 LUNCH

14.10 Lightning Talks – Part 2

14.50 Lightning Talks Feedback and Q&As **Chairs - TBC**

15.05 BREAK

15.25 – 16.35 Real-world perspectives of MND

15.25	Introduction	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
15.30	Real-world perspectives pwMND, pabMND, Senior MND clinician/researcher	Chair – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association
16.00	Q&As	Chair – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association

16.15 BREAK

16.35 – 18.05 Navigating your career path

16.35	Introduction	<i>Dr Nick Cole, MND Association</i>
16.40	Funding (TBC)	TBC
17.00	The trials and tribulations of MND research (TBC)	TBC
17.20	Working outside academia (TBC)	TBC
17.40	The global landscape of ALS/MND (TBC)	TBC
18.00	Looking forward to Day 2 and close	<i>Mandy Spencer, MND Association</i>
18.05	Networking BBQ and drinks	

Wednesday 10 July

09.45 – 10.15 Networking breakfast

09.45 Join us for an informal breakfast and catch up with your fellow delegates and presenters

10.15 – 13.45 Media workshops

10.15	Welcome to Day 2 and introduction	<i>Mandy Spencer, MND Association</i>
10.20	Introduction to the Symposium Communication Ambassador Programme	<i>Dr Charlotte Roy, MND Association</i>
10.25	Media Workshop 1 – Group A TBC	TBC
	Media Workshop 2 – Group B <i>Sharing news your way – an interactive workshop to make you a great interviewee</i>	<i>Suzanne Ostler, Dr Charlotte Roy and Joe Spires, MND Association</i>
11.25	BREAK	
11.45	Media Workshop 1 – Group B TBC	TBC
	Media Workshop 2 – Group A <i>Sharing news your way – an interactive workshop to make you a great interviewee</i>	<i>Suzanne Ostler, Dr Charlotte Roy and Joe Spires, MND Association</i>

12.45 LUNCH

We will be joined for lunch by people living with and affected by MND who are attending the afternoon and evening sessions.

13.45 – 16.50 Lightning Talks and Ask the Experts

13.45	Welcome to MND EnCouRage UK 2024	<i>Mandy Spencer, MND Association</i>
13.55	Lightning Talks – Part 1	
14.35	Q&As	Chairs – TBC
14.45	BREAK	

15.00	Lightning Talks – Part 2	
15.40	Q&As	Chairs – TBC
15.50	Ask the Experts <i>Put your research questions to our panel of leading MND researchers and clinicians</i>	Chair – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association Panel – TBC
16.30	BREAK	
16.50 – 19.30 Research updates		
16.50	Introduction	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
16.55	Round table discussion – clinical trials	TBC
17.55	BREAK	
18.15	The truth behind the headlines (TBC)	TBC
18.35	The genetic landscape of MND research (TBC)	TBC
18.55	Thank you and feedback	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
19.00	Closing remarks	Tanya Curry, CEO, MND Association
19.05	Pre-dinner drinks	
19.30	DINNER	