

INTERIM PROGRAMME

(subject to change, all talk titles to be confirmed)

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 supported by the Staverton Park Hotel and Golf Club

Tuesday 9 July

09.00 – 09.30 Networking breakfast and registration

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

09.30 – 15.00 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 Interactive workshop – The Secrets of Storytelling and Powerful Public Speaking
If you want to become that speaker who everyone remembers, and always has a waiting list of invitations, this workshop reveals how. We'll explore all you need to know to interest, impress and inspire when presenting your investigation in only two hours of a high intensity, highly interactive and – maybe even – highly entertaining workshop. *Simon Hall, University of Cambridge*

11.45 BREAK

12.05 Lightning Talks – Part 1

12.45 Lightning Talks feedback and Q&As
Chairs – *Dr Nick Cole, MND Association and Prof Janine Kirby, University of Sheffield*

12.55 LUNCH

13.55 Lightning Talks – Part 2

14.35 Lightning Talks feedback and Q&As
Chairs – *Dr Nick Cole, MND Association and Dr Scott Allen, University of Sheffield*

14.45 BREAK

15.00 – 16.10 Real-world perspectives of MND

15.00	Introduction	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
15.05	Real-world perspectives panel discussion <i>Person living with MND, person affected by MND and Prof Kevin Talbot, University of Oxford talk about their experiences of MND and their views on current MND research and how it affects them.</i>	Chair – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association
15.35	Q&As	Chair – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association
15.50	BREAK	

16.10 – 18.00 Navigating your career path

16.10	Introduction	Dr Nick Cole, MND Association
16.15	Securing funding	Prof Rob Layfield, University of Nottingham
16.35	The trials and tribulations of MND research	Dr Jackie Mitchell and Dr Caroline Vance, King's College London
16.55	Navigating non-academic routes	Kristiana Salmon, QurAlis
17.15	Translational research	Dr Paul Wright, LifeArc
17.35	The global landscape of ALS/MND	Dr David Taylor, ALS Society of Canada
17.55	Looking forward to Day 2 and close	Mandy Spencer, MND Association

Please join us for a networking BBQ (finish approx. 21.00)

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	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
10.20	Introduction to the Symposium Communication Ambassador Programme	Dr Charlotte Roy, MND Association
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>	Suzanne Ostler, Dr Charlotte Roy and Joe Spires, MND Association
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>	Suzanne Ostler, Dr Charlotte Roy and Joe Spires, MND Association

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 – 16.15 Lightning Talks

13.45	Welcome to MND EnCouRage UK 2024	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
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13.50	Lightning Talks – Part 1	
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14.30	Q&As	Chairs – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association and Dr Scott Allen, University of Sheffield
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14.45 BREAK

15.00	Lighting Talks – Part 2	
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15.40	Q&As	Chairs – Dr Nick Cole, MND Association and Prof Janine Kirby, University of Sheffield
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15.55 BREAK**16.15 – 19.00 Ask the Experts and research updates**

16.15	Introduction	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
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16.20	Round table discussion – clinical trials	Prof Ammar Al-Chalabi, King's College London
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17.20 BREAK

17.40	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
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18.10	Genetic testing and research	Prof Martin Turner, University of Oxford
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18.30	TBC	Dr Paul Wright, LifeArc
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18.50	Thank you and feedback	Mandy Spencer, MND Association
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18.55	Closing remarks	Tanya Curry, CEO, MND Association
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Please join us for drinks in the Braz Bar in the County Suite foyer followed by dinner at 19.30