



From Here to Diversity

THURSDAY 28 SEPT 2023 - PROGRAMME

09.00

Welcome to From Here to Diversity

Join us for introductions, housekeeping rules and some audience polls to get started.

Conference Chair: Eileen Browne, Training Consultant, DSC

09.15

Opening Keynote: Take the Lead

Our opening keynote speaker will discuss the work of Centre for Mental Health, the importance of including mental health in EDI conversations and policies. And share guidance on the role organisations and leaders can take, in furthering these conversations.

09.45

Coffee
break

Speaker: Andy Bell, Chief Executive, Centre for Mental Health

10.00

Staying on top of your game

New initiatives, the latest talking points and helpful resources you might not yet have come across: Get a quick overview of three diversity and inclusion topics in the charity sector with these brief 10-minute presentations:

10.45

Coffee
break

■ Annual Diversity Reporting Initiative

Speaker: Vibhati Bhatia, South Asians for Sustainability

■ Contains Strong Language - A Guide to Talking About Racism report

Speaker: Dr Sanjiv Lingayah, Reframing Race

11.00

Breakout sessions: Choose between A and B

Both sessions will be recorded and available to watch for delegates after the event.

Session A:

Inclusive recruitment – how to create inclusive teams for success

This session will help your organisations design their recruitment practices in an inclusive and equitable way, from job adverts, interview practises to onboarding recommendations. You will leave equipped with the tools and knowledge you need to implement more inclusive practices for attracting, recruiting and onboarding a wide range of top charity talent.

Speaker: Mo Kanjilal, Co-Creator, Watch this Sp_ce

Session B:

Committing to equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)

Equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) start at the top of the organisation and publicly committing to it can be a powerful statement. In this case study, we will learn from an organisation that has made a conscious and public decision to continually push itself to commit and re-commit to EDI across their organisation. Hear from the speaker about how they work with their staff, board and beneficiaries to improve equity and inclusion and the lessons learnt from their EDI journey so far.

12.00

Coffee
break

Speaker: Louise Parkes, CEO, GOSH

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12.15

13.00
Lunch
break

How to make digital content more accessible

As charities, we all want our content to reach a wide audience, but have you considered how accessible your digital content is to people with disabilities, neurodivergent readers, or those whose first language isn't English? Small changes and tweaks - think image descriptions, use of emojis or capital letters - can make a big difference in improving overall accessibility of your digital content. In this session we will explore what they are.

Speaker: AbilityNet

14.00

14.45
Coffee
break

Ticking boxes and virtue signalling: How not to do EDI

'Better done than perfect' holds some truth when it comes to kickstarting your journey to a more inclusive organisation: There is always more to do on inclusivity for all of us, and not yet having the perfect solution to everything shouldn't stop us from taking the first steps. Yet, we've all come across obvious tick-box diversity training sessions and 'well-meant' policies that just don't hold up... In this session we will take a frank look at common traps and missteps to avoid on your journey to a more inclusive organisation.

Speaker: Frances Brown, Governance, EDI and strategy expert

15.00

Breakout sessions: Choose between C and D

Session D will not be recorded. Session C will be recorded and available to watch after the event.

Session C:

Inclusive language

Good intentions are a great start, but it takes effort, practice and humility to create positive environment where inclusive language is the norm. This session will look at how we as charities and individuals can be more intentional with our language to create a welcoming and respectful environment for staff, volunteers and beneficiaries.

Speaker: Judeline Nicholas, EDI Associate

Session D:

Supporting neurodiversity as a leader

The strengths and talents that neurodivergent team members can bring to your organisation often get overlooked while the challenges they face in a non-inclusive environment remain poorly understood by many. This session will focus on how charity leaders can create an organisational environment and culture that is inclusive and supportive of neurodivergent team members.

Speaker: Helen Eaton, Consultant

16.10

Themed breakout rooms – Networking and peer-to-peer support on specific topics

- You will be able to choose one out of six suggested discussion topics in an audience poll
- Once you've made your choice, you will automatically be transferred into a breakout room with all other attendees that have chosen the same topic
- Network, chat and share your thoughts with your fellow charity marketeers

Discussion topics will be revealed closer to the time.

If you would like to put forward a suggestion for a discussion room topic, please contact cs@dsc.org.uk.

16.45

Wrap-up and close of conference

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