

11-12 June 2025



Collaboration

Away Days Programme

Welcome



"In Africa, there is the concept known as Ubuntu. The professional sense that we are human only through the humanity of others. That if we are to accomplish anything in this world, it will in equal measures be due to the work and achievement of others."

Nelson Mandela



"It takes a village to raise a child."

When you arrive on 11 June

- Arrive anytime between 10.30am and 12noon
- Sign in at the NDTi desk in reception.
- Leave your luggage in your car or at the luggage store in reception.
- You will be given a lanyard. Please wear it at all times. It is also your key if you have a room booked.
- Guest rooms can be accessed from 3pm.
- There are drinks and snacks in the lounge area.
- Lunch is served from 12noon to 1pm.



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Day 1

11am to 12 noon

Pre event



Boardroom

Optional session

Learn more about two emerging pieces of work.

1) Housing options for young people.

Host: Linda Jordan

2) Sensory environment checks in supported living.

Host: Kate Linsky, Madeline Cooper

If you feel you need to step away, please do make use of the quiet space, lounge or garden at any time during the event.

12 noon to 1pm



Buffet lunch



Dining Room



1pm to 1.05pm



Hello and housekeeping

Welcome and ground rules!



Garden Suite Host: Anna Marriott



1.05pm to 1.35pm



Welcome

Introduction and what to expect over the two days.



Garden Suite Host: Sally Richens, Bill Love, Donald Macaskill



1.35pm to 1.55pm



Icebreaker

Getting to know people activity with our mental health first aiders.



Garden Suite Host: Nic Crosby, Rebecca Ryan



1.55pm to 2.25pm



What does collaboration mean to you?

A discussion and activity at your table.



Garden Suite Host: Rachel Turner, Anna Marriott



2.25pm to 2.40pm



Comfort break

 **Lounges**



2.40pm to 3.40pm



Collaborating in the community

Coffee Afrik CIC is an award-winning, lived experience-led, community organisation working across East London.

They collaborate with women and young people from black and global majority communities to run community hubs and a wide range of services.

We welcome their founder Abdi who will share their story.



Garden Suite

Guest speaker Abdirahim Hassan, founder of Coffee Afrik CIC.
Introduced by Michael Cole

3.40pm to 3.55pm



Comfort break

 **Lounges**



3.55pm to 5.25pm



Panel discussion

What does collaboration look and feel like in the development of radical new services and supports?

Host: Bill Love

Panellists:

- **Abdirahim Hassan, Coffee Afrik CIC**
- **Charli Clement, Expert by Experience**
- **Heléna Herklots, Associate**
- **Juš Škraban, IRSSV in Slovenia**



Garden Suite

If you feel you need to step away, we will have a hosted quiet space during this session in the Boardroom.

Host: James Barnard, Expert by Experience

5.25pm to 5.35pm

**Energiser**

A fun activity to wake us up.

**Garden Suite** Host: **Mike Richardson**

5.35pm to 5.45pm

**Movement time**

This is a little bit of time for you step outside or get a drink and move to the lounge area for our final session.

**Lounges**

5.45pm to 6.30pm

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Improving collaboration

An opportunity to join two of the following discussions about collaborative leadership. Informal, 20 minutes each.

1) What does collaborating on our projects look like?

Host: Madeline Cooper, Richard Kirkup

2) What does collaborative communications look like?

Host: Lorna Crouch, Liz Cussans

1) What does collaborative leadership look like?

Host: Sally Richens, Bill Love, Donald Macaskill**Lounges**

6.30pm to 7pm

**Free time**

Find your room or take a walk. It's your choice.

7pm to 8pm

**Dinner****Dining Room**

Rooms can be accessed from 3pm.





8pm onwards

Free time collaborations

- **Firepit collaborations:** We will have marshmallows and toasting sticks. Note this is weather dependent.
- **Walking collaborations:** The lakeside walk is a gentle stroll.
- **Sporting collaborations:**
 - There's table tennis equipment near the firepits.
 - Get fit in the gym. Ask at reception for access.
 - There's an outdoor trim trail. It's a bit like an outdoor gym.
 - Ask reception for a ball for the football pitch.
 - Try croquet. Ask at reception for equipment.
- **Drinking collaborations:** Head to the bar and try the own brand gin.



Use your **dance card** to make a note of who you want to collaborate with.

More about the venue

High Leigh is managed by The Christian Conference Trust. It is committed to creating a welcoming and respectful environment for all guests, embracing diversity in backgrounds, beliefs, and identities. The ethos of High Leigh is rooted in values of openness, respect, and community, ensuring that every guest feels valued and included.

As a secular organisation, we appreciate venues that share our commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and community. Looking ahead, as we have returned to High Leigh for a few years, we look forward to finding a new venue for our 2026 Away Days that aligns with our values of inclusivity and community.



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Day 2

8am to 9am



Breakfast



Dining Room



You must be packed and out of your room by 9am.

There is luggage storage at reception or you can put it in your car.

9am to 9.30am



Welcome to day two

Energising wake up and what's coming up.



Garden Suite Host: Mike Richardson

9.30am to 10.30am



Value with values: Talking about costs, outcomes and influence with confidence

Understanding value and cost is more important than ever. We have a powerful role to play in shaping that conversation when collaborating with others.

Explore how we can bring together values, evidence, and economics to tell compelling stories of change. We'll present some examples and look at some practical tools we can all use.



Garden Suite Host: Anna Marriott, Mike Richardson, Lauren Blood

10.30am to 10.45pm



Comfort break



Lounges



10.45am to 11.30am

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Collaboration coffee breakout

Choose one of the following sessions (more details to be provided):

- 1) Setting up an Equal Lives Sounding Board
Host: Nic Crosby, Madeline Cooper
- 2) The impact of collaboration
Host: Alice McColl, Lucy Tsuchida, Bilaal Ali, Ikra Shakoor
- 3) Getting our messages picked up by policy makers
Host: Philippa Russell, Jim Thomas



Garden Suite, Boardroom and Sycamore 4

11.35am to 12.20pm

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Collaborative action breakout

Choose one of the following sessions (more details to be provided):

- 1) Building collaborations with neurodivergent people (tips/ideas)

Host: Michael Cole, Charli Clement

- 2) Collaborating to challenge ageism

Host: Heléna Herklots and guests

- 3) Collaborations on the edge. What is happening between our projects, in the shared spaces with our partners, that could be our collaborations of the future.

Host: Kate Linsky, Richard Kirkup



**Garden Suite,
Boardroom,
Sycamore 4**



12.30pm to 1.15pm



Buffet lunch



Dining Room



1.15pm to 1.45pm



Ideas into action

Developing post event collaborations and plans.



Garden Suite Host: Sally Richens, Bill Love



1.45pm to 2pm



Evaluation

Interactive feedback gathering.



Garden Suite Host: Jo Gibbs, Amanda Nally



2pm to 2.15pm



It's a wrap!

Final words from our chair, Donald Macaskill



Garden Suite Host: Donald Macaskill



2.15pm to 2.30pm



Rachel's Rewards

Prize draw of handmade items from our crafty team.



Garden Suite Host: Rachel Turner, Nic Crosby

