



# Sight Loss Council Conference

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 June 2026

Hilton Leeds City, Leeds

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## Agenda

### Friday, 5 June

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| 18:00 – 19:30 | Dinner – Served in Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor   |
| 19:30 – 19:50 | Welcome – Charles Colquhoun, CEO, Thomas Pocklington Trust – Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| 20:00 – 21:00 | Quiz – Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor   |

### Saturday, 6 June

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| 9:30 – 9:45  | Welcome & Introductions - Emma Hughes,<br>Director of Services, Thomas Pocklington Trust,<br>Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | Keynote Speaker – ‘Small Changes, Big Impact’<br>- Dr Amit Patel, Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor                            |

10:30 – 10:50 Break - Brigante Suite Foyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

10:50 – 12:15 Extended Storytelling Panel -  
'The Story of One Small Change',  
Brigante Suite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

12:15 – 13:15 Buffet Lunch - Restaurant, Floor 3

13:15 – 14:30 Workshops - Block A

- Transport Without Transport: Why Getting There Changes Everything (Transport), Neville suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Flex Your Lex: Using Lived Experience to Make Change, Brigante Suite C
- Skills Session: Social Media Storytelling, Magnum suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Bring It to Life: Exploring Audio Description (Arts & Culture), Brigante Suite B
- Facilitated Networking Session: Meet, Share, Connect., Thoresby Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

14:30 – 15:00 Break –  
Brigante Suite Foyer, Coffee area Floor 4

15:00 – 16:15 Workshops - Block B

- From Appointment to Outcome: Fixing the Health Journey (Health), Neville Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Who's Responsible? Getting Streets Fixed (Accessible Streets), Brigante Suite B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

- Skills Session: Public Speaking for Change-Makers, Brigante Suite C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- What Culture Means to Me (Arts & Culture), Magnum Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Facilitated Networking Session: Meet, Share, Connect., Thoresby Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

16:15 – 18:00                      Free time

### **Rodney Powell Volunteering Awards**

18:00 – 18:40                      Drinks reception & team photos –  
Brigante Suite Foyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

19:00 – 20:30                      Gala dinner – Brigante Suite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

20:30 – 21:30                      Rodney Powell Volunteering Awards  
Ceremony - hosted by Fern Lulham

### **Sunday, 7 June**

09:30 – 09:45                      Morning Energiser – Brigante Suite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

09:45 – 11:00                      Workshops - Block C

- The One Thing That Changed My Journey (Transport), Brigante Suite B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- Flex Your Lex: Using Lived Experience to Make Change, Brigante Suite C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- Skills Session: Tech to Make Life Easier, Neville Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- If I Were a Curator... (Arts & Culture), Magnum Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

- Facilitated Networking Session: Meet, Share, Connect - Thoresby Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

11:00 – 11:20	Break – Brigante Suite Foyer and Coffee Area Floor 4
11:20 – 12:10	Keynote Speaker - Small Steps, Big Change – Toby Addison (Blind Tobes) - Brigante Suite, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
12:10 – 12:15	Final Thank You and Close - Rachel Wilkinson, Head of Engagement, Thomas Pocklington Trust

Packed lunches to be collected in the main Brigante Suite.