



Inspiring change in communities...

Your first ever annual Sight Loss Council

Conference 2021

Venue: Conference Aston, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham
B4 7ET.

Conference Programme and Agenda

Travel day

Friday 8th October 2021

16.00pm	Arrivals and check in	Reception desk
18.30pm	Dinner (buffet) served until 9pm	Courtyard Restaurant
20.30pm	Optional quiz/free time	Bar area

Day One Conference

Saturday 9th October 2021

07.00am	Breakfast served until 9am	Courtyard Restaurant
9.30am	Arrivals	Conference Room 1
9.45am	Opening remarks and welcome by Emma Hughes, Director of Services, Thomas Pocklington Trust	
9.50am	Trustees' Welcome by Matt Wadsworth, Thomas Pocklington Trust Board of Trustees	
10.00am	"Believing in yourself..." by special guest 'Blind Dave Heeley'.	
10.30am	Break and time to get to your first workshop	Various rooms

- 10.45am Morning Workshops focused on Personal Development
- Confidence building by Iain Mitchell, Engagement Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Courtyard Suite 2
 - Working collaboratively with others by Matt Cliff, Engagement Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Courtyard Suite 3
 - Working effectively as a team by Masuma Ali and Louise Connop, Engagement Managers, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Conference Room 3
- 11.30am Break Refreshments available in the Courtyard Lounge
- 11.45am Morning Workshops continued
- Confidence building by Iain Mitchell, Engagement Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Courtyard Suite 2
 - Working collaboratively with others by Matt Cliff, Engagement Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Courtyard Suite 3
 - Working effectively as a team by Masuma Ali and Louise Connop, Engagement Managers, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Conference Room 3
- 12.30pm Lunch Courtyard Restaurant
- 13.30pm Afternoon Workshops focused on Skills and Tools
- Using social media skills to develop your projects by Nadia Quadmani, Communications Officer and Kevin Satizabal, Engagement Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
Courtyard Suite 2

- Working with the local media by Penny Wilkinson, Head of Communications, Thomas Pocklington Trust Courtyard Suite 3
- Campaigning skills by Mike Bell, National Campaigns and Public Affairs Lead, Thomas Pocklington Trust Conference Room 3

14.45pm Break Refreshments available in the Courtyard Lounge

15.15pm Afternoon Workshops continued

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16.30pm Workshops finish

Photoshoot 16.30pm-18.30pm

Come and have your photo taken in our make-shift studio situated in the Courtyard Restaurant.

Celebrating success - The Rodney Powell Awards

Saturday 9th October 2021

All of the evening's proceedings take place in Courtyard Suite 1 + 2

17.30pm Guests arrive

18.30pm The Rodney Powell Awards ceremony compered by Josh Pugh, English Comedian of the Year. The awards will be presented by Frances Powell, wife of Rodney Powell. These awards are intended to recognise the contribution a volunteer or volunteering team has made to the lives of blind and partially sighted people and TPT. There will be three awards presented in the following categories:

1. Outstanding volunteering team

Exceptional teamwork by a volunteering team demonstrating working as a team to achieve goals.

2. Outstanding volunteer (individual)

Exceptional volunteer who has made an impact in their local or wider community to improve the lives of blind and partially sighted people.

3. Outstanding contribution to volunteering

Someone who has made an outstanding contribution through their volunteering to the work of TPT and the lives of blind and partially sighted people. This will be judged by the team at TPT from all nominations received for individuals.

20.00pm Awards Dinner

About Rodney Powell

Rodney Powell was Thomas Pocklington's great nephew. He was a trustee at TPT for 37 years from 1983 to 2020, when he sadly passed away. You can read more on Rodney and his contribution to the charity [in our article](#). This award is a fitting tribute to the commitment and dedication he made to the charity as a volunteer trustee and Chair.

Day Two Conference

Sunday 10th October 2021

- 07.00am Breakfast served until 09.00am Courtyard Restaurant
- 8.15am Optional Yoga Session Meeting Room 144
- 9.30am Arrivals for Day Two Conference Conference Room 1
- 09.45am Welcome by Emma Hughes, Director of Services, Thomas Pocklington Trust
- 10.00am Theory of Change by Mike Bell, National Campaigns and Public Affairs Lead, Thomas Pocklington Trust
- 10.30am Break Refreshments available in the Courtyard Lounge
- 10.45am SLC Challenge and presentations
- 12.00pm Closing remarks by Charles Colquhoun, Chief Executive, Thomas Pocklington Trust
- 12.05pm “Go forth, think big and create massive change” by our motivational speaker, David Hyner
- 12.35pm Conference closes

Please note: A packed lunch will be available for you to take away in the Courtyard Restaurant