

# BSMS Homelessness Conference: Shining a Light on Homelessness

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Checkland Building, University of Brighton, Village Way, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9PH**

## REPORTING INFORMATION

**KINDLY READ THE MAIL IN FULL SINCE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Dear Delegate,

**Re: BSMS Homelessness Conference – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Thank you for choosing to attend this conference. May we take this opportunity to kindly welcome you to the conference. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

This document is to inform you of the directions to the venue, the programme and the format for the day. It also contains a link to choose the workshop that you would like to attend.

### **GENERAL AND REPORTING INFORMATION**

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Saturday)

**Registration & Breakfast:** 8:30

**Start of Conference:** 9:30

**End of Conference:** 16:30

**Venue:**

**Address:** Checkland Building, University of Brighton, Village Way, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9PH

**How to get there:**

By train: Falmer train station is a 5-minute walk away from the building.

By bus: There is a bus stop next to the train station, with regular buses to and from the centre of Brighton.

By car: We suggest you take public transport as there is limited parking around the site.

**Where to Report:**

Please report to our welcome team in Checkland Building (in the picture!). Bring with you a copy of the email confirming your ticket – this can be an electronic copy.

If you are under 18, please alert the welcome team and present your consent form.

If you are presenting a poster, please arrive earlier to set up before the conference begins. Please make the welcome aware that you are presenting a poster so they can show you where to set up.

**PROGRAMME AND CONTENTS**

We want to be an eco-friendly conference so you will not receive a paper copy of the programme. Instead, you can find an e-programme as part of this conference pack.

There is always the possibility of a lecture or demonstration over-running and thus some flexibility may be necessary within the programme. However, due to the wide range of topics that will be covered during the course, we will adhere to a strict time-schedule. We will endeavour to observe the session times (i.e., morning and afternoon) and hence all breaks, and start and finish times will be followed as per the programme.

<https://doctorsacademy.org.uk/coursenw/BSMSHC/pdf/CP19.pdf>

**Workshops:**

We have a fantastic selection of workshops, please click the link below and sign up for two workshops. It will be a first come first served basis. You can find a description of all our great workshops on the sign-up sheet.

**Link to sign up:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-ijXfAZ\\_MY5EnCsPM\\_RUg3INbX5aaarUcBtyjwbDivg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-ijXfAZ_MY5EnCsPM_RUg3INbX5aaarUcBtyjwbDivg/edit?usp=sharing)

**EVENING EVENT**

This is optional but will be an addition to an already fantastic day. There will be some light refreshments, followed by a performance by Cascade Choir. There will also be 'think tanks'; this will be an opportunity to discuss pertinent questions related to homelessness in detail with other delegates, speakers and workshop leaders. You can submit questions that you would like to discuss to

[bsms.homed.conference@gmail.com](mailto:bsms.homed.conference@gmail.com).

Questions to get you started:

- Is all charity work 'good' for people experiencing homelessness?
- Can we ever end homelessness, or can we only reduce it?
- Should we teach about homelessness and its factors in the classroom?

**BREAKS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH**

Breakfast and lunch are provided in the cost of your ticket. The lunch break will have sandwiches and snacks. During the refreshment break, you will be provided with tea, coffee and biscuits. All dietary requirements including vegetarian, non-vegetarian and halal food will be available.

## **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES**

Kindly inform us as soon as possible if you have any specific dietary requirements (e.g., vegetarian, vegan, kosher, halal) or allergies (e.g., nuts, gluten, dairy).

## **ECO-FRIENDLY**

We want to make our conference as eco-friendly as possible and reduce waste. Therefore, we will not be giving out paper copies of the programme. We also won't have any paper cups so please bring a mug with you for tea and coffee. Whilst you are at the conference, please remember to use the recycling bins you see around the venue.

### **What you need to bring with you:**

1. A copy of the email you have received from us regarding your confirmation of place (with your name). Please note that you will not be allowed to attend the course without this information.
2. A mug – we would like to reduce the number of paper cups sent to landfill!
3. If you are under 18, you will need to bring a parental consent form with you.
4. If you are presenting a poster, then please bring an A3 copy of this with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [bsms.homed.conference@gmail.com](mailto:bsms.homed.conference@gmail.com) if you have any further queries in the interim.

We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

With very best wishes,

HoMed Conference Organising Committee  
Doctors Academy