

Programme

MS Life 2009, what's on?

Friday 12 June 2009

19:00-21.30 **Fashion Show:** Hall 1, sponsored by *House of Fraser*

Saturday 13 June 2009

10:00-18:00 **MS Life:** Exhibition stands open

Research Talks: Hall 1

- 11:00-12:00 [Prof. Rona Moss-Morris \(PhD, CPsychol\)](#), *Professor of Health Psychology*
Presentation: Adjusting to Multiple sclerosis: What do we know and can we help?
- 12:30-13:30 [Prof. George Ebers](#), *Head of the Department of Clinical Neurology at the University of Oxford*
Presentation: Vitamin D and genetics in MS
- 14:30-15:30 [Prof. David Bates](#), *Professor of Clinical Neurology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, School of Neurology, Neurobiology and Psychiatry*
Presentation: Therapy in MS - The Future

Awareness Talks: Hall 2

- 11:15-12:15 [Dr. Barbara Chandler](#), *Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine based at the Centre for Neuro-rehabilitation and Neuropsychiatry, Walkergate Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne*
Presentation: Sex, Intimacy and Relationships
- 12:45-13:45 [Adrienne Cox](#), *Specialist MS Nurse, Royal Hallamshire Hospital* and [Debra Richardson](#), *Diagnosed with MS providing her personal perspective*
Presentation: Fatigue
- 14:15-15:15 [Dr. Linda Wilson](#), *Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Airedale General Hospital*
Presentation: Palliative Care
- 15:45-16:45 [Julia Johnson](#), *MCSP Grad.Dip. Phys, Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist, Team Lead, Community MS Team, Newcastle upon Tyne* and [Emma Robinson](#), *Senior Physiotherapist, Community MS Team, Walkergate Park Hospital*
Presentation: Exercise

Saturday 13 June 2009 / Fringe Events

- 15:00-17:00 **Wheel and Walk**
1 mile route round quayside
- 21:00-24:00 **Inclusive Club Night**

Sunday 14 June 2009

10:00-17:00 **MS Life:** Exhibition stands open

Research Talks: Hall 1

- 11:00-12:00 [Dr. Sandra Amor](#), *Pathology Department, VU Medical Centre, The Netherlands* with [Prof. Paul van der Valk](#)
Presentation: MS Under the Microscope
- 12:30-13:30 [Prof. Robin Franklin](#), *Professor of Neuroscience, University of Cambridge*
Presentation: Stem Cells and MS - The Hype and the Hope
- 14:30-15:30 [Prof. Chris Linington](#), *Professor of Immunobiology and Senior Research Fellow in Multiple Sclerosis at the University of Glasgow*
Presentation: Immunology of MS
- 16:00-17:00 [Dr. Lorna Paul](#), *Physiotherapist*
Presentation: The Assessment and Physical Management of Symptoms in MS

Awareness Talks: Hall 2

- 11:15-12:15 [Jane Giles](#), *Lead of Community Speech & Language Therapy, Adult Department, Denton Health Centre, Newcastle*
Presentation: Managing Speech and Swallowing Difficulties
- 12:45-13:45 [Amanda Barrell](#), *MS Research & Relief* and [Derek Laidler](#), *Senior Physiotherapist*
Presentation: Tai Chi
- 14:15-15:15 [Pauline Thompson](#), (MBE, DWP), *Lead Disability Specialist* and [Lynne Currie](#)
Presentation: Disability Benefits
- 15:45-16:45 [Brenda Joyce](#) *MS Society: Strategic Lead for Independent Living* With [Abi Stevens](#) and Andrew Stevens giving a personal perspective
Presentation: Personalisation and Direct Payments – What does all this mean to you?

NB: Please note that the programme may be subject change. Programme details will be updated as available.

Alternate sessions

Alternate sessions will be running alongside the main MS Life programme in a breakout area adjacent to The Sage Gateshead, please see below for the programme of information. Please note this will regularly be updated as and when demand requires it.

- 10:30-13:30 [Dr. Evangeline Wassmer](#), *Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Birmingham Childrens Hospital* and [Dr. Anita Rose](#) *Consultant Neuropsychologist Walton Centre, Liverpool*
Presentation: Questions & Comments in Childhood MS
- 14:00-16:00 [Dan Berry](#), *Head of Policy & Campaigns MS Society*
Presentation: [Campaigns Workshop](#)