

BAMT Conference 2018

'Music, Diversity and Wholeness'
16 – 18 February 2018
Barbican Centre, London

Conference Newsletter #3

Welcome to the third BAMT Conference newsletter!

Time has flown since our second newsletter, and a lot has been happening in conference planning world.

Read on to find out the latest news about conference developments.

Thank you for your submissions

We were delighted to have received an overwhelming number of responses to the Call for Abstracts which closed on 15th September 2017. The Scientific Committee completed the blinded peer-review process at the beginning of November, having evaluated each abstract submitted.

The Scientific Committee has now been in touch with almost all authors. If you haven't yet received a response regarding your submission, please contact submissions@bamt.org.

Draft Conference Programme

With almost 200 abstracts to review, the Scientific Committee was incredibly impressed with the quality and diversity of the submissions. After much deliberation, it was agreed that we needed to expand the conference programme to showcase the breadth of current practice in the UK.

In total, 137 oral presentations, 10 roundtables, 23 workshops and 22 posters were accepted – a total of 192 submissions! The Scientific Committee, chaired by Dr. Cathy Warner, have worked tirelessly to compose a programme that we hope you will find exciting and stimulating.

The draft programme is now available to view on the BAMT website [here](#).

For all authors of accepted abstracts, please remember to book your place at the conference by **Friday 8th December**. If we don't receive your booking by this date, we will assume that you no longer wish to present at the conference and your abstract will be withdrawn from the programme.

Presenters – if you are co-presenting with an external professional (i.e. a non-music therapist, non-member of BAMT), please note that they will not be charged for admission to the conference for their session. If they would like to attend for the whole day on which they are presenting or for the weekend, then they will need to register online as a conference delegate.

Thank you again to for all your submissions. Thanks also to the Scientific Committee for their work on reviewing the abstracts and composing the programme.

Early Bird Deadline – 8th December – only a week to go – book now!

The Early Bird Deadline is fast approaching. Don't miss out on taking advantage of these rates. Early bird rates are available for all delegates. Full information and to book online is available [here](#).

Did you know that BAMT members receive a 10% discount on their conference fees if they bring a non-music therapist colleague who attends for one day of the conference or for the whole weekend? Please contact the office via bamtconf@bamt.org for more information.

Sponsorship

We are offering a range of sponsorship opportunities for Conference 2018. If you would like to showcase what you do, network, and develop partnerships, then why not talk to Jonathan Booth, who would be happy to discuss options with you. You can contact him via bamtponsorship@bamt.org.

Volunteering Opportunity for Students

We are offering a 20% discount on fees to music therapy trainees who would like to volunteer at the conference.

Your role: we will be asked to support with guiding delegates at appropriate times, and scribing (in pairs) for one or two sessions taking place. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

If you would like to volunteer, please:

1. Book your place at the normal rate (don't forget to take advantage of Early Bird)
2. Let us know as soon as possible that you can volunteer by emailing info@bamt.org
3. You will receive your 20% reduction as a refund after the conference.

Any questions? Please contact us via info@bamt.org

Accommodation

In addition to listing a variety of accommodation options on the website, there is also a thread in the BAMT Forum where you can link up with other therapists who live locally to the conference, who may be able to offer a spare room or couch for those travelling from further afield.

Please visit the [forum](#) and go to the BAMT Conference 2018 – Accommodation thread, to find out more.

Don't forget to spread the word!

Do you work in a team or with colleagues who enjoy/appreciate/love music and who are always asking about how music therapy works? Well, the conference is a fantastic opportunity for them to learn and experience the how and what of music therapy. Please encourage them to take a look at the programme and make them aware of the Early Bird offers available until Friday 8th December.

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Keeping in touch

In the run-up to the conference we will be circulating monthly newsletters with the latest updates on conference news. Information about the conference will also be made available through the [conference section](#) on the website.

Are you on social media? Follow us on Twitter [@musictherapyuk](#) using #BAMTConf2018 and Facebook [@BritishAssocMusicTherapy](#) for updates and latest news about conference developments.

Warm winter wishes,

Your Conference Committee