



NACC Training & Development Forum 2017 – a time for learning, debate and celebration

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) Training & Development Forum 2017 on 4-6 October at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham, will bring the NACC's 30th anniversary celebrations to a grand crescendo with an engaging programme, excellent networking and entertainment, and a special cake competition.

The tailored two-day training event will address the latest developments and innovations in care catering, tackle the current challenges, and update and inspire delegates with new guidance, ideas and best practice. The meticulously-planned programme features a relevant mix of expert speakers, culinary demonstrations, practical workshops, one-to-one supplier meetings and supplier exhibition.

The forum will also connect care professionals through the frequent networking and entertainment opportunities – including a 'star-studded' opening evening that celebrates the 1980s, the decade that launched the NACC.

This year's speakers and performers will deliver fresh perspectives and food for thought. *'Don't leave me now'*, a play inspired by two real-life stories and boasting over 120 UK performances to date, will explore the impact of early onset dementia with humour and compassion; Sarah Wren, the award-winning chief executive of Hertfordshire Independent Living Services (HILS) will present *'Upset the apple cart – or crumble'* and consider disruptive innovation in health and social care; and motivational speaker, Niger Risner, will share the importance of the *IMPACT code*.

Practical guidance and insight to help enhance services will be gained through topical workshops. Subjects being addressed include *How to provide good nutritional care and comply with CQC's fundamental standards*, courtesy of Sue Hawkins and Ros Speight, and *Undernutrition, 'MUST' screening and complying with CQC regulations*, by Alison Smith, prescribing support dietitian, NHS and chair of the BDA Older People's Group.

A series of culinary demonstrations will inspire delegates with new recipes and techniques tailored for the needs of elderly and vulnerable service users.

Let them eat cake!

To celebrate the NACC's 30th anniversary, a special cake competition has been launched. Open to novices and masters alike, entrants are challenged to create an original single-tier celebration cake* to commemorate the association's milestone.

Paper entries must be received by **Friday 4 August 2017**. All shortlisted designs will be viewed, tasted and judged at the NACC Training & Development Forum on Thursday 5 October, with all finalists receiving a free day delegate place at the forum, worth £240.

Gold, silver, bronze and highly commended awards and prizes** will be presented and the winning cakes will be included in the afternoon tea served at the event.

NACC Awards 2017

The NACC Training & Development Forum is home to the prestigious NACC Awards 2017. On the evening of Thursday 5 October at a spectacular gala dinner, dedication, innovation and exceptional service will be recognised and celebrated, together with the association's 30th anniversary.

The coveted titles to be won include: Care Establishment of the Year; Meals on Wheels Award; Catering Team of the Year; Catering Manager of the Year; Our Care Catering Hero; Region of the Year; Pam Rhodes Outstanding Achievement Award; and National Chairman's Award.

Neel Radia, national chair of the NACC, said: "The NACC Training & Development Forum is always a highlight of the association's and care catering sector's calendar. This year, our 30th anniversary year, it's more special than ever and a real cause for celebration, as well as continued learning and debate.

"For three decades, the NACC has provided support and a voice for care caterers. From demystifying and advising on legislation and regulation to campaigning for vital changes, such as a health and social care catering qualification or protecting the Meals on Wheels service, it's been a great source of information and strength. As we enter the next 30 years, there are renewed challenges and much more work to do, and this will be the focus of the forum. We've got an excellent programme of speakers, workshops, demonstrations and supplier engagement to help delegates prepare for the task in hand.

"As well as providing insight, guidance and a platform for debate, the forum is also a time for reflection and celebration. The NACC Awards are a personal highlight of the

event and a fantastic opportunity to pause and recognise the great achievements of the association and the amazing people that go above and beyond to make them happen.

“The NACC Training & Development Forum is going to be an incredible event and a great climax to our 30th anniversary celebrations. We have an excellent programme in store and I very much look forward to this opportunity of learning, debating and celebrating with colleagues and friends, old and new.”

For further information and to book a delegate place at the NACC Training & Development Forum 2017 visit www.mcculloughmoore.co.uk/nacc

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*For information on how to enter the special cake competition please call 0870 748 0180, email info@thenacc.co.uk or visit www.thenacc.co.uk

**Cash prizes to be won: Gold = £250, Silver = £150, Bronze = £75.

The NACC:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- Promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- Provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- Facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- Promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- Commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- Publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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