

Friday 28th June 2019

King Power Stadium, Leicester

£120 + VAT

# Living my life my way

Promoting independence and positive outcomes  
for learners with physical disability

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pdnet National Conference 2019

## Keynote Speakers



**Marcus Orlovsky**

Director, Bryanston Square Foundation



**Abdi Omar**

Motivator, Vlogger and AAC specialist

A fantastic opportunity for delegates to come together to network with other professionals who are passionate about improving outcomes for learners with physical disability



Innovative workshops to develop best practice



Inspiring speakers sharing their stories and ideas



Hear from students about what disability means to them

## Keynote Speakers

### Marcus Orlovsky

Marcus is one of those inquisitive people who always asks “why?”. Starting from a challenged background where he really was not expected to ‘do well’ he took a whole barrage of exams, ended up at Bristol University and went on to become a Chartered Accountant. In later years he jump-started the Building Schools for the Future programme and worked on the design and build of over 300 mainstream and special schools. He believes that we need to look for the strengths people have, and not focus on their weaknesses or deficiencies.

### Abdi Omar

Abdi Omar is a vlogger and motivational speaker who uses his personal story of living with Cerebral Palsy to inspire and motivate people. At school he was the only person with a disability in his class, but was keen to show he was no different to his classmates when it came to learning. By the age of 16 Abdi was able to fully communicate with the help of his communication aid.

Abdi now has over half a million views on YouTube and uses this platform to encourage young people to pursue their goals, no matter of the obstacles that stand in their way.

### Ash Field Academy Students

Ash Field Academy students will be joining us during the morning to share their presentation about ‘What my disability means to me’. Ash Field Academy is a school for pupils aged 4-19 who have a wide range of abilities and a main presenting physical disability.

## Agenda

- 8:30am** Registration and refreshments
- 9:30am** Welcome - Di Caesar & Jane Carter
- 9:45am** **Keynote Speaker - Marcus Orlovsky**
- 11:00am** Refreshments
- 11:20am** Ash Field Students Presentation
- 11:45am** Workshop Choice A
- 12:30pm** Lunch and networking
- 1:30pm** Workshop Choice B
- 2:15pm** **Keynote Speaker - Abdi Omar**
- 3:00pm** Closing Remarks
- 3:15pm** Depart

*“Please note agenda timings are subject to change”*

## Workshops

**Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two workshops of their choice led by the following organisations:**

### Sense

#### Workshop Theme: Early Years Inclusive Play

Sense supports people with complex disabilities and believe that no one, no matter how complex their needs, should be isolated, left out, or unable to fulfil their potential. Sense strives to unlock barriers to communication - be it through speech or sign, touch or movement, gesture or sound, art or dance.

### Face Front Inclusive Theatre

#### Workshop Theme: Relationship and Sex Education

Face Front is a company of disabled and non-disabled artists who have been creating multi-accessible theatre for over 15 years. Their theatre promotes inclusion by exploring the stories, issues and concerns of socially excluded people with the aim of raising awareness and making a positive difference to their lives.

### Project Search

#### Workshop Theme: Preparation for Adulthood

The primary objective of Project Search is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities. They support young people with additional needs to access internship programmes which will help build workplace confidence, skills and experience and should lead to employment.

### Breathe Magic

#### Workshop Theme: Magic to Support Motor Skills

Breathe Magic is a fun and clinically effective way of using magic to improve physical and mental health for people with a range of conditions. Magic Circle magicians, senior occupational therapists and research academics have come together to create an approach that delivers meaningful results.

## Venue & contact details

**Venue:** King Power Stadium, Leicester, LE2 7FL

**Parking:** Ample free parking is available on site

**Catering:** Lunch and refreshments will be provided

**Hotel:** A special rate of £72.00 b&b is available at the Holiday Inn Hotel, directly opposite the venue. Please call 0116 2494590 and quote pdnet when booking. Offer valid until Friday 24th May 2019.

**Contact:** If you have any queries about this event please call 0116 2995944 or email [emma.sheasby@sdsa.net](mailto:emma.sheasby@sdsa.net)