

2026 Conference Official Programme

September 23rd, 2026
BMA House, London, WC1H 9JP

09:00 - 09:45 **Arrival & Registration**

09:45 - 10:00 **Rishi Jawaheer**
Shared Purpose & Belonging

10:00 - 10:45 **Professor Joyce Simard**
Discussion on the Principles & Culture of Namaste Care

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 11:40 **Professor David Sheard**
Authenticity in Dementia Care Really Matters: Emotional Intelligence is Foundational

11:40 - 12:10 **Sam Dondi-Smith**
Connection is the Key: Reaching the Person and the Heart

12:10 - 12:45 **Beverley Wilson**
Connecting through Collaborative Art with People Affected by Dementia

12:45 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:00 **Vicki de Klerk**
Intergenerational Living

14:00 - 14:15 **In-Touch Team**
In-Touch Topics & Updates

14:15 - 14:45 **Helen Rochford-Brennan & Chris Maddocks**
In-Touch and The Power of Lived Experience: Personal Dementia Stories

14:45 - 15:15 **Dr Karan Jutla**
Reconsidering Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Dementia Care

15:15 - 15:30 **Break**

15:30 - 15:50 **Emily Brown**
The Future of Namaste Care in a Hospital Setting

15:50 - 16:15 **Sunnefa Lindudóttir Þórisdóttir & Rebekka Ingadóttir**
Namaste Care in Iceland

16:15 - 17:00 **Charli Morgan & Isabelle Latham**
NCI Experience

17:00 - 17:00 **Closing Reflections & NCI Plan for 2027**

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