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## **CONFERENCE 2018**

Our special 20th Anniversary Conference will take place on the 13th June 2018 at the Friend's House, Euston, London

We've got an exciting line up of guest speakers including Professor Bee Wee and Dr Jean O'Hara as well as a performance by people with learning disabilities by the Baked Bean Theatre Company.

For full information on the Conference, including booking forms, can be found <u>here.</u>

## Linda McEnhill Award - extended deadline!

There is still time to nominate the wonderful people who make a real difference in end of life care for people with learning disabilities. To find out all you need to know, including nomination forms, please visit our website <u>here</u>. The deadline for submissions is 31st January 2018.

## 2018 - A BIG YEAR FOR OUR NETWORK!

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## Not only is 2018 the year the Network turns 20 years old, but the Linda McEnhill Award turns 10! So it's

a big year and as such we're planning a big conference (see left). We've also relaunched the website with a fresh new look and are working on updating it with relevant and up to date information that will benefit all our members - and potential members!

In addition you'll have read that we've become a charity - this has meant updating our reporting (hence you all needing to fill in the little survey!) but it also means an opportunity to review how we function as an organisation. As such we had a working group away day in the Autumn to identify our strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats and have come up with a number of things to work on in the coming months. We aim to make the Network more accessible for all users by continuing to upgrade the website and up our use of social media. We want to attract energetic and knowledgable Trustees to help us develop our means of raising funds and how we reach the people who need our help and support the most - if you know anyone who fits the bill, do get in touch!

So an exciting year planned. Don't forget that all members can stay involved by submitting articles and news for our newsletters and by telling friends and colleagues to become members! The membership survey can be found <u>here.</u>

A very Happy New Year to all our members - we hope it will be a wonderful one.