



2023 Rodney Powell Volunteering Awards

Evening reception

5.45pm Drinks Reception in Courtyard Lounge

6.30pm Awards Dinner in Courtyard Suites

8.30pm Rodney Powell Volunteering Awards hosted by Tricia Sail*.

Awards to be presented:

Individual of the Year – sponsored by Thomas Pocklington Trust



Team of the Year – sponsored by Blind Veterans



Rebuilding
lives after
sight loss

Campaign of the Year- sponsored by RNIB

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Outstanding Contribution – sponsored by CDS



9:30pm Entertainment – Venetia Blind and Mel Teaser**

10:30pm Close

Awards dinner menu

Starter: roast butternut squash and apple soup with smoked vegan cheddar croutons (vegan)

Or

Beetroot cured salmon and dill, sour cream, watercress and clementine dressing (gluten free)

Main course: caramelised onion tart and risotto (vegan and gluten free)

Or

Roast chicken breast with thyme roasted celeriac, horseradish mash, damson jam gravy and winter greens

Desert: vegan chocolate cheesecake with chocolate sauce and vanilla cream

***About Tricia Sail**

Tricia Sail was one half of the winning team on the National Television Awards (NTA) nominated series of Race Across the World on BBC1.

Tricia has always enjoyed travelling and decided to do something to get off the treadmill of day-to-day life by singing up for Race Across the world and travelling across Canada with her school friend Cathie. They competed with four other teams to win series three. When Tricia isn't travelling, she works for RNIB in their Community Connections Team.

****About Venetia Blind and Mel Teaser**

Venetia Blind is Wales's only severely hilarious, severely fabulous, and severely sight impaired drag queen. Venetia uses drag as a creative tool to educate people about the lived experience of living with less sight than everyone else. Venetia is not afraid to belt out your favourite LGBTQ jams and her own original creations. A 'glass half full' kind of gal with a bit of Port Talbot grit and quick wit!

Mel Teaser is the alter ego of actor Taylor Martin. Mel struts her way onto the Welsh Drag scene serving monochrome looks with a splash of colour playing homage to Cruella Devil, but with the 'glitteriest' glitter beard in town. Mel uses her drag to promote LGBTQIA+ rights during her performances. She loves nothing more than getting up and performing the classics with some cheeky comedy.

Whilst the Rodney Powell Awards are a celebration of all the fantastic things you have achieved, we would like to remind you that the Volunteer Code of Conduct applies at all times during the conference, and so please enjoy yourselves responsibly

Ends.