

## **Introducing Neurofest17....**

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**Neurofest17 Ltd** is a company especially formed to organise the **Festival of Neuroscience 2017**, in collaboration with the British Neuroscience Association. The Directors, Yvonne Allen and Caroline Griffiths, have a wealth of experience between them in organising scientific meetings; they are supported by Mollie Neason and Lucy Lisanti as part-time assistants.

### **Dr Yvonne Allen – Project Manager**

Yvonne Allen will be well-known to many long-standing members of the BNA as she was, for many years, seconded from her academic post at the University of Liverpool to run all the affairs of the BNA as their first Executive Secretary. This included the BNA National Meetings that were relocated during her time in office from familiar academic venues to professional conference centres instead, thus laying the foundations of the hugely successful 'Festivals' that the BNA hosts today. As a Lecturer in Neuroscience, with an interest in neurodegenerative disease, plus years of experience managing the BNA, Yvonne is uniquely qualified to ensure the **Festival of Neuroscience 2017** is as successful as its predecessors. ([yvonne.allen@neurofest17.co.uk](mailto:yvonne.allen@neurofest17.co.uk))

### **Caroline Griffiths – Exhibition Manager (part-time)**

Caroline Griffiths has over 25 years' experience in the conference industry, including destination marketing, venue management and conference management services. For many years, she was Manager of the Merseyside Conference Bureau, with responsibility for marketing Liverpool and the Merseyside area for conferences and business travel, before becoming Conference and Marketing Manager at the University of Liverpool. Here, she managed the conference, exhibition and accommodation facilities across the University Campus and Halls of Residence for a variety of events ranging from small training sessions to 3,000 delegate residential conferences, including two BNA National Meetings in Liverpool in 1997 and 2009. For the past six years, Caroline has worked as a freelance conference organiser specialising in academic association events. ([caroline.griffiths@neurofest17.co.uk](mailto:caroline.griffiths@neurofest17.co.uk))

### **Mollie Neason – Project Assistant (part-time)**

Mollie Neason recently graduated from the University of Liverpool in Anatomy and Human Biology. Now studying for an MRes in Neuroscience in Liverpool, it seems very appropriate for her to work on the Festival of Neuroscience, a subject close to her heart. Having previous experience as an Administrative Assistant for Global Funds Registration, Mollie is used to

busy working environments so is looking forward to the challenge organising the Festival will bring. Mollie has also been a member of the BNA since 2015 and is excited to be attending the Festival, particularly its student and early-career researcher events. ([mollie.neason@neurofest17.co.uk](mailto:mollie.neason@neurofest17.co.uk))

**Lucy Lisanti – *Project Assistant (part-time)***

Lucy Lisanti is also now studying for an MRes in Neuroscience at the University of Liverpool after recently graduating there with a BSc (Hons) in Anatomy and Human Biology. Her research interests involve novel imaging techniques for epilepsy. In the summer of 2015, she completed an internship in the Strategy Research Funding department at Cancer Research UK where she led a project to develop a new travel research grant for postgraduates. This internship acted as a gateway to the world of conferences and academia, so she is excited to be joining the team organising such a major event as the Festival of Neuroscience 2017. Lucy is also a BNA student member, and is looking forward especially to being involved with the accompanying public engagement events at the Festival. ([lucy.lisanti@neurofest17.co.uk](mailto:lucy.lisanti@neurofest17.co.uk))



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