

# MCMC Annual Charity Gala Dinner – FAQ's

## What is the MCMC Annual Charity Gala Dinner?

The MCMC Annual Charity Gala Dinner is an evening event featuring delicious food, entertainment, and auctions, dedicated to supporting those living with cancer. All proceeds go to MCMC, a charity providing complementary therapies to improve the wellbeing of people living with cancer. 2025 also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MCMC and this gala dinner will be the start of our celebrations to honour the occasion.

## When and where is the Gala Dinner taking place?

The Gala Dinner will be held on 4 January 2025 at The Hilton Hotel, Reading, located at Drake Way, Reading RG2 0GQ.

## How can I purchase tickets for the Gala Dinner?

Tickets can be purchased [through our website](#). If you experience any difficulties using the booking site, [please contact us](#).

## Can I purchase a table or do a group booking?

Yes, you can. Please ensure you have all your guest names & surnames as well as their dietary requirements/allergies before making the booking as we will require that information during the booking process.

## Do I have to book a whole table?

No, you are welcome to purchase any number of tickets, be that a single ticket, 2 tickets, 3, or more.

## What should I wear to the Gala Dinner?

The dress code for the Gala Dinner is formal attire. We encourage attendees to dress elegantly to match the festive and sophisticated atmosphere of the evening.

## What happens if I can't attend after purchasing tickets?

If you are unable to attend, you may send a substitute at no extra cost. If possible, please [notify us](#) of the change prior to the event, however, please note that, whilst we will endeavour to accommodate special dietary or other requirements, this may not be possible at short notice. We regret we are unable to offer refunds, should you need to cancel less than 21 days prior to the event taking place. **The deadline for changes to your booking is 13 December 2024.**

## Is there an age restriction for attendees?

Due to the nature of the event, attendees must be aged 12 years or over.

Each ticket holder under the age of 18 must be accompanied to the event and supervised by a ticket holding adult.

### **Can I make a donation if I cannot attend the event?**

Yes, you can still support our cause by making a donation [through our website](#). Every contribution helps us provide vital services to those in need

### **Will there be accommodation available?**

Yes, you can book accommodation at The Hilton Hotel, Reading [through this link](#) at a rate of £90 for single and £110 for double occupancy (including breakfast). Be sure to select your room type (queen/twin) and update your number of guests in your booking before confirmation and payment. A portion of the room fee is generously donated by The Hilton Hotel to My Cancer My Choices. For us to receive this donation, you need to complete your booking using the link provided. Should you book your accommodation through any other method, MCMC will not receive the additional donation.

### **What parking options are there?**

Parking is available underground at the hotel at a preferential rate of £5 per vehicle.

### **What should I do if I have an accessibility or special dietary request query?**

You will have the opportunity to submit any mobility or accessibility restrictions you might have, as well as any allergies or special dietary requirements during the booking process of purchasing your tickets. If anything changes, or you require further assistance, [please contact us](#). **The deadline for changes to your booking is 13 December 2024.**

### **Can I pre-order some wine?**

Yes, and we definitely encourage you to do so. We will be in touch with you separately, after your booking is confirmed, with the full wine list and how you can order. The list will also include some specific MCMC wines which you can pre-order from. By purchasing any of the specific MCMC wines, you also contribute further to the charity as a portion of those sales will be donated to MCMC by the Hilton hotel. All pre-orders need to be paid for upfront once you have placed your order. **The deadline for pre-ordering your wine is 20 December 2024.**

### **What type of auction prizes are typically offered?**

Our auctions feature a wide variety of prizes, including holidays, unique experiences, products, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia, and vouchers. We continually seek new and exciting items to enhance the experience for our attendees.

### **How can I donate an auction prize?**

If you or your business would like to donate an auction prize, [please contact us](#). Your donation will be fully recognised in our event brochure, on social media, and during the event by our auctioneer/MC.

### **How can I become a sponsor at your event?**

If you or your business would like to provide sponsorship at our event, [please contact us](#). Your sponsorship will be fully recognised in our event brochure, on social media, and during the event by our auctioneer/MC.

### **What recognition will donors and sponsors receive?**

Donors and sponsors will receive recognition through a listing in our event brochure, mentions on our social media platforms, and acknowledgements by the auctioneer/MC during the event. Business owners and corporates will also have the opportunity to advertise their business/services in our event brochure\*. This offers an excellent opportunity to align your brand with an award-winning charity and showcase your support for the community.

\*Due to printing deadlines, all prize details and advertisements need to reach us by no later than 1 December 2025 in order to be included in our event programme.

### **Is there a deadline for purchasing tickets or donating auction prizes?**

We recommend purchasing tickets and submitting auction prize donations as early as possible to ensure availability and proper recognition.

### **How can I get involved with MCMC beyond the Gala Dinner?**

There are many ways to support MCMC beyond attending the Gala Dinner, including donations, volunteering, fundraising, and participating in other events. [Visit our website](#) or [contact us](#) to learn more about how you can get involved.

### **Are there any COVID-19 precautions in place for the event?**

We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our guests. Please check our website closer to the event date for updated information on any COVID-19 precautions or requirements that will be in place.

### **Who can I contact for more information about the event?**

For more information, please contact MCMC on 0118 228 0960 or [via email](#). We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have.