# E-Newsletter - August 2021

## Information and Support events

We are pleased to be able to offer a series of

free-to-attend webinars for the autumn with some incredible speakers, including Roly Megaw, Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Ophthalmologist at University of Edinburgh and NHS Lothian, and Michael Gilhooley, Academic Clinical Lecturer at UCL Institute of Ophthalmology. We have also arranged two free-to-attend online information evenings. Information will be specific to the region (Northern Ireland and Wales) but all are welcome to attend.

All of these online events will be hosted on Zoom, which can be accessed from your computer, laptop, tablet, mobile device or telephone.

## Webinar: DNA and RNA base editing tools for Stargardt’s Disease

24 August 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Elena Piotter, a PhD student working in Professor Robert MacLaren's group in the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology at the University of Oxford, is currently researching DNA and RNA base editing tools aiming to correct pathogenic mutations in ABCA4. Her talk will focus on gene therapy, CRISPR technology including DNA and RNA base editing, and why this is relevant for Stargardt disease.

Find out more and register for the event [www.RetinaUK.org.uk/info-events](https://retinauk.org.uk/info-events).

## Information evening (online): Northern Ireland

29 September 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Join us for an evening of presentations from some of Northern Irelands top Medical, Ophthalmic and Healthcare professionals.

Presentations will cover:

* Updates on genotyping in inherited retinal disorders in both adults and children
* Inheritance patterns
* Unlock Genetics
* Navigating towns and cities when living with sight loss

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Registration is also open for our remaining Information and Support events as follows:

* Thursday 23 September – Webinar: Roly Megaw (subject TBC)
* Wednesday 13 October – Information evening: Wales
* Wednesday 27 October – Webinar: Michael Gilhooley, Optogenetics

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## Your Run. Your Way

A place has become available in the Virtual London Marathon. Run or walk - with the full day to complete the distance, this is your chance to get a marathon medal in a way that suits you! With a £14 registration fee and £150 minimum fundraising amount – sign up to join #TeamRetinaUK for 3 October 2021: [www.RetinaUK.org.uk/londonmarathon](http://www.RetinaUK.org.uk/londonmarathon).

## The impact we made in 2020

Our Impact Report 2020 is now available to download:

* PDF
* Word
* Audio

[www.RetinaUK.org.uk/publications#impact](http://www.RetinaUK.org.uk/publications#impact)

If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the report or the audio on CD or memory stick, please email info@RetinaUK.org.uk or phone 01280 821334.

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Monday to Friday 9.30am - 9.30pm

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