E-Newsletter – June 2022

Conferences 2022

With just over a week to go before our Conferences take place, the excitement is building here at Retina UK HQ. The programmes are now available on our website:

* Annual Conference programme (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/annual-conference/#programme>)
* Professionals' Conference programme (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/professionals-conference/#programme>)

If you haven't already registered, there is still time to join us in person or online (registration for in person delegates will close at midnight on Monday 4 July).

If you have already registered to join us online, we'd encourage you to consider coming along in person to meet the team, visit our exhibitors and ask questions in person. We'd love to see you in person. Just drop us an email ([info@RetinaUK.org.uk](mailto:info@RetinaUK.org.uk)) or give us a call on 01280 821334 to let us know.

The in-person venue is the Macdonald Burlington Hotel on New Street in Birmingham (B2 4JQ).

Annual Conference & AGM  
Saturday 9 July  
REGISTER NOW (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/annual-conference/>)

Professionals' Conference  
Friday 8 July  
REGISTER NOW (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/professionals-conference/>)

## A new race for Retina UK

We’re delighted to have places available for the first time in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. Join #TeamRetinaUK on 2 April 2023 for this sell-out race and explore the capital on a route like no other! <https://www.retinauk.org.uk/london-landmarks>.

## Local peer support groups

Have you ever wanted to take on a trekking challenge? Fancy a picnic in the park? Learn about indoor rock climbing? Enjoy a leisurely boat ride? Be inspired by taking up a new sporting activity? Or would like to meet new people? If so, please join us online or in-person for our upcoming Local Peer Support Groups across the UK

If you have any questions regarding our upcoming local peer groups or require support registering, please contact services@RetinaUK.org.uk (<mailto:services@retinauk.org.uk>).

Find out more and register (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/>)

## Gift Aid your donation today!

As you may know, Retina UK is a registered charity. Which means under the Gift Aid scheme, we are able to claim tax relief on donations.

For every £1 donated to us, we are able to claim an extra 25p as long as you are a UK taxpayer.

Unfortunately, the pandemic forced us to put new research on hold and delay ongoing projects. Now, we are placing a renewed focus on research into potential treatments for inherited sight loss, but we cannot do this without the help of our wonderful supporters, like you.

Right now, we have the potential to raise nearly £120,000 of much needed funds in unclaimed Gift Aid alone. So, if you have donated to us in the past and you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid your donation(s) today, we will be able to invest even more into ground-breaking research – imagine what we could achieve together!

Thank you so much for your support.

Find out more and sign your declaration now (<https://retinauk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-overview/gift-aid-declaration/>)

## Webinar series

Our next webinar in the regular series features Professor Mariya Moosajee on Tuesday 12 July at 7.00pm. She will be looking at the latest research, clinical trials and treatment prospects for people affected by Usher’s syndrome.

If you have missed any of our previous webinars, you can watch or listen to the recordings on our website: RetinaUK.org.uk/recordings (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/recordings/>).

Register now for this free event. (<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/webinar-usher-syndrome-two/>)

Call our Helpline 0300 111 4000 or email [helpline@RetinaUK.org.uk](mailto:helpline@RetinaUK.org.uk)

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 9.30pm