# E-Newsletter – May/June 2022

## Help us to improve our website

We're working on some exciting changes to our website to improve the user experience for our visitors. An important part of the early stage of this project is a very short survey.

We would be very grateful if you could spare five minutes to take part. It is hugely important that we have a better understanding of who our website visitors are and how they are using the website.

Take part in the short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/retinauk>

## Save 50% on The Great North Run!

Join #TeamRetinaUK at the iconic Great North Run, city to sea course on 11 September. With 50% off the cost of a charity place registration fee, grab a place in the race for just £7.50!

As The Red Arrows roar overhead and the crowds cheer you with every step, you’ll be helping support people affected by inherited sight loss to lead better lives today and accelerate the search for treatments for the future. Get your race place: RetinaUK.org.uk/great-north-run (https://retinauk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-overview/take-part-in-an-event/run-for-retina-uk/half-marathons-and-marathons/great-north-run/)

## Conferences 2022

Registrations are open for our Professionals' Conference on Friday 8 July and our Annual Conference on Saturday 9 July. If you haven't already reserved your place we'd love you to join us.

You can choose to attend in-person or online. The in-person venue is the Macdonald Burlington Hotel on New Street in Birmingham (B2 4JQ).

Annual Conference & AGM, Saturday 9 July

<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/annual-conference/>

Professionals' Conference, Friday 8 July

<https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/professionals-conference/>

## Volunteer with us

We need volunteers for our Local Group Facilitator role to support us with setting-up new peer support groups in Brighton, Cardiff, Merseyside and Milton Keynes.

Please email [volunteering@RetinaUK.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@RetinaUK.org.uk) for more information.

## Local peer support groups

Local peer support groups provide a welcoming, safe and friendly opportunity for people to meet up to share experiences, tips and information. More information is available at <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/>.

Forthcoming groups are as follows:

* Leicestershire (online): 9 June, 7.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/leicestershire/>
* Belfast (online): 21 June, 7.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/belfast/>
* Manchester (in-person): 25 June, 12:00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/manchester/>
* West Midlands (online): 28 June, 7.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/west-midlands/>
* Berkshire (online): 5 July, 7.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/berkshire/>
* Kent (in-person): 6 July, 2.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/kent/>
* Wrexham (online): 13 July, 7.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/wrexham/>
* London (in-person): 17 July, 1.00pm <https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-local-peer-support-groups/london/>

## Retina UK awards new research funding

Retina UK is delighted to have awarded a new three-year research grant to Prof Majlinda Lako at Newcastle University for a project entitled: To establish AAV.PRPF31 gene augmentation in PRPF31-deficient RPE and photoreceptor cells and assess its efficacy in restoring RPE and photoreceptor function.

Read more about the project <https://retinauk.org.uk/research-news/retina-uk-awards-new-research-funding/>.

## 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.

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

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

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

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 9.30pm