# E-Newsletter – October 2022

## Communications Intern vacancy

With funding from Thomas Pocklington Trust and RNIB, Retina UK is delivering the Get Set Progress (GSP) internship programme.

We are advertising for a full-time Communications Intern for a nine-month fixed term contract. As part of the GSP Internship programme, the successful candidate will also be enrolled onto the TPT Employment Programme, where they will gain employment support, guidance and advice from their Employment Team.

Get Set Progress provides paid internship opportunities for blind and partially sighted people who are starting out on their career or returning to work following a career break. These fixed term paid roles enable people to gain skills and experience that can be applied to future jobs.

More information can be found at: [RetinaUK.org.uk/work-for-us/](https://retinauk.org.uk/work-for-us/). The closing date for applications is 31 October.

## Webinar: Makeup tips and tricks with Bhavini

Wednesday 9 November, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

With Christmas parties upon us, come and join Bhavini as she shares her top tips for selecting the right make up, the best way to apply and blend, how to shop for makeup and picking the right colours, all when living with sight loss. This event will be held on Zoom.

Bhavini has been involved with Retina UK for many years as a service user and a volunteer. She has found the support provided to her in the past invaluable, and is an Ambassador for the charity.

The mum of two was diagnosed with the inherited retinal condition retinitis pigmentosa aged 17.

[Register now](https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/retina-uk-events/webinar-makeup-tips/))

## Places available with #TeamRetinaUK!

Right now, we have places available in the 2023 TCS London Marathon! With dedicated support, exclusive running club and a personalised vest, take on a challenge for the New Year and run with #TeamRetinaUK. Apply today or if you have family, friends or colleagues who may be interested in joining our team, please let them know that we have places available. [RetinaUK.org.uk/london](https://retinauk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-overview/take-part-in-an-event/run-for-retina-uk/half-marathons-and-marathons/2023-tcs-london-marathon/send-your-snaps/).

## Information event: Oxfordshire (online)

Tuesday 6 December, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

We welcome you to join us for our virtual information event for the Oxfordshire area. Whilst the event is, in part, tailored to the Oxfordshire area, a lot of information will be of interest to anybody with an interest in learning more about IRDs.

Our Keynote speaker will be Mr Kanmin Xue. Mr Xue is a Consultant Vitreo-retinal Surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital and Wellcome Trust clinician scientist fellow at the University of Oxford where he leads the Retinal Disease and Repair Group.

[Register now](https://retinauk.org.uk/information-support/oxfordshire)

## Super prizes WIN

Play our Raffle today for a chance to win £500 cash

Don’t forget to buy your raffle tickets online this year - play by 17 November to be in with a chance of winning £500! Find out more at: [RetinaUK/org.uk/raffle](https://retinauk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-overview/raffle/)).

## Help us to find treatments for all!

We are launching a new research initiative that aims to find treatments that are suitable for everyone living with inherited sight loss.

We want to make a change now, and for future generations to come.

All of our research is funded by our wonderful supporters, so please donate now.

[Find out more about our latest appeal](https://retinauk.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising-overview/appeal)

## A Christmas bargain

We’re kick-starting Christmas with 10% off our Christmas Cards! Featuring a snowman with a robin, these beautiful cards were painted especially for Retina UK by artist Tina Wray, who has retinitis pigmentosa and glaucoma. Purchase a pack today: [RetinaUK.org.uk/product/christmas-cards/](http://www.RetinaUK.org.uk/product/christmas-cards).

## Could your employer help us?

We need the Retina UK community to help us identify companies and businesses that may be interested in supporting our work.

We know companies and businesses are much more likely to choose to support Retina UK if an employee approaches their employer to explain who we are, and what we do.

Our Corporate and Community Fundraising Officer, Fiona Leahy, would be pleased to speak with you. Contact Fiona, on mobile: 07736 958207, or by email, [fiona.leahy@RetinaUK.org.uk](mailto:fiona.leahy@RetinaUK.org.uk)

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

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 9.30pm