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NEWSLETTER

Are **you** ready to take on a challenge?



Rising from the ashes of lockdown

Our fire walk is back - and with a twist... Join us on Monday 21 June outside the Lakeside Arts Centre for our unique Summer Solstice Sunrise Fire Walk! Reignite your inner fire and mark the end of lockdown restrictions with a one-of-a-kind experience as a solo challenge or as part of a team in aid of Nottingham Breast Cancer Research Centre.

[Find out more and register today](#)



Your run. Your way. Virtual London Marathon 2021

On Sunday 3 October 2021, 50,000 runners will have the chance to be a part of the biggest marathon ever staged anywhere in the world. The virtual Virgin Money London Marathon will return this year, giving participants the opportunity to take on the world's greatest marathon on the course of their choice, over a full 24 hours, wherever they are on the planet.

General entry for the Virtual London Marathon 2021 has now sold out, and the only way to be part of the world's biggest virtual marathon is via a charity place - and luckily, we have 5 places available!

[Nottingham Breast Cancer Research Centre places](#)

Registration is free, but we do ask that those applying for a place commit to raising a minimum of £200 for NBCRC. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take on the challenge and be part of something taking place globally, apply now.

Treating BC in older patients



NBCRC member Kwok-Leung Cheung has contributed to an important publication in *Lancet Oncology* (published online 15th May 2021) which provides international guidance on the management of older patients with breast cancer.

[Updated recommendations regarding the management of older patients with breast cancer: a joint paper from the European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists \(EUSOMA\) and the International Society of Geriatric Oncology \(SIOG\)](#)

NBCRC Research Seminar Series

All NBCRC members and others at the University of Nottingham and the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust are welcome to attend our monthly NBCRC research seminars. Seminars are online, on the last Thursday of the month, 4-5pm.

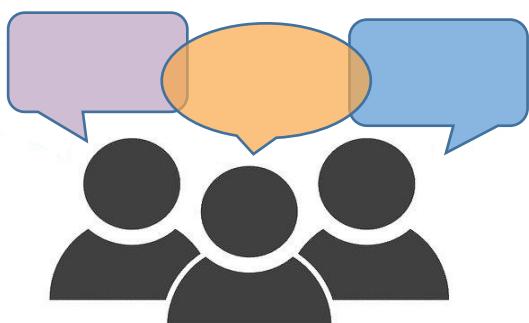
27 May "The RUNX genes as enigmatic players in breast cancer" **Prof. Karen Blyth**, The Beatson Institute

24 June "The research journey from Nottingham to Jamshoro"

Dr Binafsha Sayed, Liaquat University, Pakistan

Our seminar series will continue after a summer break, with a seminar by **Prof Cathrin Brisken** on **30 Sept**

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!



If you are/or have been a breast cancer patient and you are willing to occasionally give a little of your time in support of our research activities then we would love to hear from you.

The views and opinion of breast cancer patients help us to communicate more effectively and also help to ensure that the research projects that receive funding are those which are working to make the differences that you most want to see. There is no commitment necessary. We would occasionally contact you via email and if the request is something you feel you can help us with you can let us know.

Examples of areas where we might ask for your help...

- Feedback on lay abstracts for grant submissions – essentially, is the description understandable
- Input into our pilot grant process, scoring a small number of project summaries to indicate which you would most like to see receive funding.
- Perhaps you would be willing to share your own BC experience at one of our awareness events. Short talks by patients are always incredibly well received – not only do they help to raise awareness of breast cancer to the general public, they are so motivational for research scientists working to find new and better treatments for the disease.

If this type of involvement is of interest to you, please send your contact details to Carol at nbcrc@nottingham.ac.uk and we will be in touch.

NBCRC continues to fund novel BC research - Pilot Grants 2021

Despite a significant hit in fundraising income during the Covid pandemic, NBCRC have been able to continue to run the annual pilot grant process. This is all thanks to the wonderful support we have had from all our supporters over the last couple of years.

Thank you to all the researchers who submitted an application to this years Pilot Grant round – the standard of application was excellent. The initial triage process has been completed and the top 5 projects are out for full review by a panel of national breast cancer experts. The successful projects will be announced in the next issue.

Thompson Educational Trust to support NBCRC Student Research

NBCRC are very grateful to the Thompson Educational Trust who have generously donated £5000 to support PhD breast cancer research projects. Information on how to apply for a financial award has been circulated to all NBCRC members. PhD supervisors must submit applications for consideration by Friday 15 June.

Members – requests for information have recently been sent to you to enable a members' sharepoint site to be created. Please return information back promptly so information can be shared more easily within the membership and opportunities for collaboration can be increased.

HOW TO GIVE

Every little bit helps. **100% of every penny given goes directly to our research.**

If you would like to donate, please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7xyj4na>

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

For all things fundraising please seek the advice and support of our NBCRC Community Fundraising Manager Jo Brailsford-Finnis. You can contact Jo on supportus@nottingham.ac.uk

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