

Rising from the ashes

A huge well done and thank you to all the intrepid firewalkers, who took on our Sunrise Firewalk on 21 June, the longest day of the year!

Not only did they get out of bed at 5am and bravely walk across hot coals, but between them they have also raised over £4,000! You can find a livestream of the walk, along with photos from the event, [on the NBCRC Facebook page](#).



NBCRC's very own Dr Andy Green and Dr Sarah Storr were up for the challenge – and took it in their stride!

London Marathon 2021

This October, we will have three runners taking on the world's greatest marathon for us!

Moving from its usual time in April, the Virgin Money London Marathon will be taking place on Sunday 3 October, and wearing their NBCRC running vests will be Clover, Liz and Rachael.

They're all currently training hard, getting ready to take on the 26.2 miles, and you can help support them on their fundraising journeys here:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clorunslondon2021>
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamSuckling>

Places available - Virtual London Marathon 2021

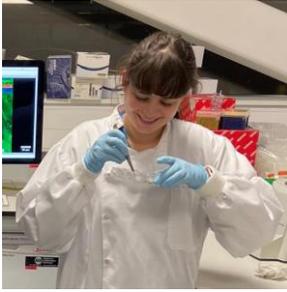
Are you feeling inspired by all the recent fundraising activity, and maybe looking to take on a challenge of your own? We have limited places left for the Virtual London Marathon, which will also take place on Sunday 3 October. Run, jog or walk 26.2 miles in your own time over the course of your choice, and join 50,000 other virtual runners over the world in taking on the world's largest virtual marathon. You will get access to the official tracking app, and also get your own London Marathon finishers medal and t-shirt.

To find out more and to register, email jo.brailsford-finnis@nottingham.ac.uk

Training for Everest trek continues through lockdown

Although their planned departure date has been put back until Oct, 3 generations of the Skevington family continue to train for their fundraising trek to Everest Base Camp. Follow this inspiring story, and find links to their fundraising page at <https://www.facebook.com/SkevsBaseCamp> The entire family, but especially young Alexander, would appreciate any support or encouragement you can give.

Dr Jennifer Ashworth Wins International NC3Rs Highly Commended Prize



Dr Jennifer Ashworth, associate member of NBCRC, has been highly commended in the 3Rs Prize, an annual award led by the UK's National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs). Jenny was highly commended for her work in developing non-animal derived hydrogels that aim to match the stiffness and chemistry of the human breast. These hydrogels can be used as lab-based models of breast cancer, to advance cancer research while reducing the need for animal testing. The hydrogels can be altered by adding proteins and sugars, controlling their stiffness and composition to reflect the changes seen in the breast during cancer progression.

Breast Cancer Awareness event – 13 Oct

October is breast cancer awareness month and planning is once again underway for an online event where we will hear from both patients and research scientists.

If you are a breast cancer patient or breast cancer survivor and would like to share your personal story in a short 15 min presentation please get in touch with Carol at nbcrc@nottingham.ac.uk for further information.

In the past these patient talks have been hugely well received, indicating the impact of BC on people's lives, raising awareness of the disease and motivating our research community to continue to work towards better treatments for the disease.

Masonic Charitable Foundation to fund breast cancer PhD studentship

NBCRC would like to express their gratitude to the Masonic Charitable Foundation who have recently confirmed funding for a scientific PhD studentship. Further information on this opportunity will be made available in due course.

NBCRC Pilot Grant awards 2021

The 2021 Pilot Grant applications have been reviewed by a panel of 5 national breast cancer experts and the results are in. The 3 successful projects are listed below. Congratulations to James, Jenny and Cinzia.

You will be able to find out more about these projects and the projects coming to completion, at our breast cancer awareness day (13 October).

To keep up to date with announcements about this event and other news you can also follow us on social media.

Jennifer Ashworth - Targeting invasive heterogeneity in breast cancer using methods from wound healing

James Dixon - Acidosis-inducible drug and label delivery as a breast cancer therapeutic

Cinzia Allegrucci - Discovering drivers of breast cancer recurrence to overcome metastatic disease

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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