

# Resources and Funding Opportunities in Rare Diseases

Advance Training Centre at MRC Harwell

**6th June 2024**

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration and Refreshment</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>Session One: Resources available for rare disease research</b> Chair - Lydia Teboul, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sara Wells, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell</li> <li>- Lydia Teboul, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell</li> <li>- Pleasantine Mill, MRC Human Genetics Unit, University of Edinburgh</li> <li>- Nick Lench, Nucleic Acid Therapy Accelerator</li> <li>- John Hand, Research Complex at Harwell</li> <li>- Annie Godwin, European Xenopus Resource Centre, University of Portsmouth</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Supporting rare disease research by enabling existing resources</b> Chair - Sara Wells, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell</p>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:40</b>	<p><b>Session Two: Funding opportunities in rare disease research</b> Chair - Jale Şahin, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catriona Crombie, LifeArc</li> <li>- Chris Rowe, Innovate UK</li> <li>- Jo Frost, Innovate UK</li> <li>- Victoria Lund, Medical Research Council</li> <li>- Julie Stevens, Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre</li> </ul>
<b>14:40 – 15:10</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>15:10 – 16:10</b>	<p><b>Session Three: Showcases in successful public-private sector collaborations in rare disease research</b> Chair - Nick Lench, Nucleic Acid Therapy Accelerator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Katherine Forsey, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association</li> <li>- Caoimhe Bennett, Epilepsy Research Institute</li> <li>- David A. Brown, Stealth BioTherapeutics</li> <li>- Neil Watson, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Northern Alliance Advanced Therapies Treatment Centre</li> </ul>
<b>16:10 – 16:40</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Overcoming challenges in public-private sector collaborations in rare disease research</b> Chair, Nick Lench, Nucleic Acid Therapy Accelerator</p>
<b>16:40 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> Sara Wells, Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell Nick Lench, Nucleic Acid Therapy Accelerator</p>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Networking reception</b>

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