

# Cerebra Annual Conference

Barriers to Breakthroughs: the positive impact of our collaborative research for children with complex needs and their families.



Wednesday | 4th June 2023 9.30am – 16.30pm  
One Birdcage Walk – Westminster, London, SW1H 9JJ

A one-day conference providing parents, carers and professionals with up-to-date, evidence-based information from Cerebra funded research at our academic chair institutions.

The cost of attending this conference will be £30 (payment non-refundable).  
Price includes lunch and refreshments.

There are a few concessionary places available. For more information about this or the conference itself please contact Jane Margetson – [janem@cerebra.org.uk](mailto:janem@cerebra.org.uk)

To book onto this conference please click on the Eventbrite link here.



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Working wonders for children  
with brain conditions

09:30- 10:00 Registration and coffee in the Marble Hall and Gallery

10:00- 10:05 Welcome from Cerebra Chief Executive Chris Jones in the Lecture Theatre

Session One: Pregnancy-identifying interventions to help prevent and/or minimise childhood disability.

Chair: Beverley Hitchcock-Acting Head of Research and Information, Cerebra

10:05- 10:45 Mr Nigel Simpson-Director of Cerebra Perinatal Research Group, University of Leeds

10:45- 11:25 Dr Eduard Gratacós-Cerebra Professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine, University of Barcelona

11:25- 11:40 Questions and answers

Session two: Bright ideas for brilliant kids-innovative, bespoke products to help disabled children discover and engage with the world around them.

Chair: Beverley Hitchcock-Acting Head of Research and Information, Cerebra

11:40- 12:20 Dr Ross Head-Associate Professor, Cerebra Innovation Centre, University of Wales Trinity St David

12:20- 12:30 Questions and answers

12:30- 13:30 Lunch in the Marble Hall and Gallery

Session three: Interventions—research to improve the lives of individuals with learning disabilities and/or severe or complex needs and their families.

Chair: Beverley Hitchcock-Acting Head of Research and Information, Cerebra

13:30- 14:10 Professor Richard Hastings-Cerebra Chair of Family Research, CEDAR, University of Warwick

14:10- 14:50 Dr Jo Moss and Dr Jane Waite-Cerebra Network for Neurodevelopmental Disorders

14:50- 15:05 Questions and answers

15:05- 15:30 Tea/coffee in the Marble Hall and Gallery

Session Four: Legal entitlements-helping families to access their legal rights

Chair: Beverley Hitchcock-Acting Head of Research and Information, Cerebra

15:30- 16:10 Professor Luke Clements-Cerebra Professor of Law and Social justice, University of Leeds

16:10- 16:20 Questions and answers

16:20- 16:30 Closing remarks-Chris Jones CEO