

Are you a researcher with a proposal that you would like to discuss with consumers?



The Consumer Liaison Group (CLG) meeting 5:50pm; followed by Dragon's Den 6:35pm Room 12, Monday 4 November

The CLG will hold their autumn meeting at the NCRI Cancer Conference, on Monday 4 November. This will be followed by a repeat of last year's highly successful **Dragon's Den** session, where researchers have the chance to discuss their ideas with or pitch research projects to small panels of knowledgeable consumers who are already involved in research.

Involving patients and carers (consumers) can make a real difference in facilitating the approval, funding and delivery of research studies, as well as adding quality to the research itself, but often researchers are unfamiliar with the process. The Dragon's Den is designed to help, so **if you would like an opportunity to attend and have some top quality consumer involvement, please contact: ppi@ncrn.org.uk as soon as possible.**

The Dragon's Den and the CLG Meeting are both open to all patients and carers attending the conference.

Are you a cancer patient or carer involved (or would like to be involved) in helping to shape cancer research?

If so, there is plenty going on at this year's NCRI Cancer Conference which might be of interest. For example, there are sessions (some developed and delivered by patients and carers) on:

- the late effects of cancer
- supporting family and carers
- applications that analyse data to help healthcare providers make clinical decisions
- management of symptoms (such as breathlessness)
- living with psychological distress
- the challenges and benefits of tissue banking
- ... and much more!



The conference programme can be viewed at <http://conference.ncri.org.uk/programme/>