

Joint North South All Ireland Rare Disease Conference 2018:
Patients as prime movers in Rare Disease Research

Call for abstracts – Poster competition under the following categories:

- Clinical / Laboratory investigations for Rare Diseases
- Epidemiology and Big Data contributing to Rare Disease Research
- Social Science considerations for Rare Diseases
- Improving Education for Rare Diseases

The Joint North South Rare Disease Conference 2018 will be held on 5th March in Riddel Hall, Queen's University, Belfast. The conference offers participants the opportunity to be part of a global call on policy makers, researchers, companies and healthcare professionals to increasingly and more effectively involve patients in rare disease research. The topic for the meeting is '*Nothing about us without us*' and aims to showcase examples of research; academic, clinical, and social, particularly where patients and families were engaged and involved; what difference it made; and what is happening now and into the future.

Abstracts (maximum 200 words, not including title and authors) should be emailed to julie.mcmullan@qub.ac.uk, with 'POSTER COMPETITION' in the subject line, by **Monday 26th February 2018**. Posters must be A0 size in Portrait format, and brought to Riddel Hall by 9.00am on 5 March 2018 for display.

A prize of £50 will be awarded to the winning entries in each category and a certificate given to each participant. CPD accreditation has been applied for at this event.