



The Francis Crick Institute's 2020 Public Exhibition Patient Advisory Panel

1. Introduction:

The Crick is looking to recruit a Patient Advisory Panel (PAP) to support the creation of a free public exhibition opening in 2020. The PAP will meet periodically from April 2019 until early in 2020 and draw on their lived experience of cancer to support the development of the exhibition. The Crick is looking for Patient Advisory Panel members who have experience of cancer whether it is through a personal experience or caring for a family member.

The Francis Crick Institute is dedicated to understanding the fundamental biology underlying health and disease. The Crick's work is helping to understand why disease develops and translate discoveries into new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat illnesses.

The next exhibition at the Crick will showcase some of the cutting-edge cancer research taking place across the Institute. It will address two of the most frequent questions from visitors to our public programme, which are "what is cancer?" and "why is it taking so long to cure?"

The exhibition will build on previous efforts to demystify scientific research, humanise researchers and support the visitor journey from a world that is familiar into a cellular and molecular world that is unfamiliar.

The exhibition will seek to appeal to those who feel overwhelmed by the term 'cancer', who typically do not wish to engage with the topic because they do not know where to begin. It will offer to dispel confusion through an imaginative yet clear exploration of the biological complexity of the disease, and in doing so will:

1. Emphasise the importance of fundamental research (getting back to basics)
2. Highlight innovative tools and techniques used by scientists at the Crick, including a novel approach to translation
3. Illustrate how different research angles unite to tackle the bigger challenge of cancer diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

2. What your role would be as part of the PAP:

The PAP will get together for six workshops between April and December 2019. The first workshop on the 23rd April (4pm to 7pm) will be an introduction to the Crick, the

exhibition and to the other PAP members. The subsequent meetings will focus on a range of topics, from co-designing a public film screening event to discussing the narrative tone and ideas with the curator. In addition to the six workshops, there will be a VIP private exhibition tour as well as a celebration event early in 2020.

The workshops will be interactive and there will be lots of opportunities for PAP members to draw on their own personal experiences. We also ask that during the workshops the PAP members:

- Endeavour to objectively represent the wider views of the people affected by cancer
- Actively listen and respect the other panel members
- Prepare for the meetings by reading any required paperwork
- Ensure that discussions are constructive and assist the Crick in shaping the exhibition

3. Qualities of panel members

PAP members will have some lived experience of cancer whether it is personal experience or through a family member. Also, any of the following would be helpful:

- A general interest in biomedical research
- Motivation to contribute to activities and group discussions
- A willingness to share your individual experience

In order to have representation we would be interested to know if those applicants who have direct experience of cancer are either still having treatment or are a part of a clinical trial. We want to ensure as wide a representation as possible.

4. Types of activities and time commitments the role involves

The workshops will vary in length depending on the topic, but most should last between two and three hours. Some of the ideas for what each workshop might cover are included below:

- The first workshop on the 23rd of April will be an opportunity for PAP members to get to know each other and key members of the Crick team. It will also include a tour of the Crick building and a meeting with a senior scientist.
- At the second workshop in May, the PAP members will meet with the curator of the exhibition who will share some of the plans and thinking.
- In June PAP members will see some of the ideas for the design elements of the exhibition, and introduce the public film screening event.
- At the fourth workshop in July, PAP members will co-design a platform for visitors of the exhibition. This will be an interactive element of the exhibition.
- In September PAP members will give their ideas and feed into the marketing and branding of the exhibition.

- The final workshop in November, will focus on the co-design of the public film screening event with the Public Engagement team
- Once the exhibition launches in 2020, there will be a VIP private tour of the exhibition (linked to the opening) and a celebration event for the PAP members. The public film screening will take place in February 2020 and we hope that PAP members will be able to attend this and invite their families and friends to come along and be part of this event!

The workshops will be facilitated by WSA Community Consultant who have extensive experience working on patient voice, including with NHS England Patient and Public Voice reps and at a global level with the Non Communicable Diseases Alliance.

5. What you can expect from us?

You will be supported by WSA Community Consultants and the Crick's Public Engagement Team to participate in this process and be an active PAP member.

WSA Community Consultant will be your main point of contact and will be coordinating all the workshops to support your participation. We will guide you through the workshops and support you in your advisory role.

As this is a voluntary role, you will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses covering London and the surrounding area. Food will be provided during the workshops. A small honorarium of £30 will be paid after each of the six workshops (but not the exhibition launch, public engagement event or celebration workshop).

6. Applications and Clarifications

To apply for this role please complete the application form and return it to Tim Gomez tim@wsacommunity.co.uk by the closing date of Monday 25th March 2019. If you have any questions you can also email Tim on the same email. The application form is available either from Tim by email or to download from our website www.wsacommunity.co.uk/crickpap

Please note: There are 15 places on the PAP and WSA Community Consultants will work with the Crick Public Engagement Team to select a representative group. It may be if we get more applications, we are unable to offer everyone a place but we do appreciate all interest in this opportunity and if we are not able to include you in the PAP we will provide feedback to you and ensure you are informed of future opportunities.