

Opportunities to take part in research

We have a number of exciting projects from the Cerebra Centre running at the Cornelia de Lange syndrome Foundation conference in Guildford on April 30th.

The Presentation of Anxiety in Cornelia de Lange syndrome

This project is investigating how children and adults with CdLS experience and show anxiety. Our aim is to improve identification of anxiety in individuals with CdLS who may find it difficult to verbally express this. There will be two studies running over the course of the day:

- **Hayley Crawford** will use tasks and assessments to understand what situations children and adults with CdLS may find anxiety provoking and how they express this. She will also be collecting saliva samples as a physiological indicator of anxiety.
- **Vicky Johnson** will be gathering questionnaire data and conducting interviews with parents focused on understanding what behaviours are related to anxiety in people with CdLS, and when these may occur in everyday situations.



Children and adults of all ages are welcome to take part.

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Social Development in Cornelia de Lange syndrome

This project is being led by **Kat Ellis** and aims to understand how children and adults with CdLS understand the social world and how this affects their social interactions and relationships. We are looking for children and adults of all ages to take part in assessments of language, speech and communication, as well as tasks and fun activities that demonstrate a person's social skills and abilities in different social situations.



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Study of Movement in Cornelia de Lange syndrome

This project is investigating movement, specifically walking ability, in CdLS. The study involves wearing comfortable movement sensors whilst standing still and then whilst walking for a short distance.



Children and adults of all ages are welcome to take part.

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If you are interested in finding out more information about participating in any of these studies, please contact the researchers directly. Alternatively, you will be able to sign up at the registration desk at the conference or talk to any of our team, who will be available on the day.



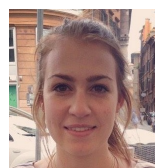
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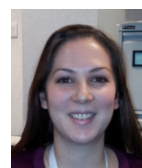
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