



**Brain Tumour
Research**

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Students to cook up funds for brain tumour research

Edinburgh New Town Cookery school professional students are using their culinary expertise to raise funds for brain tumour research at an event on 29 August 2018.

The chefs-in-training at the renowned cookery school (ENTCS), are tempting diners with tasty treats all in aid of the [Brain Tumour Research](#) charity. The students will be showcasing their skills as part of the charity's *Do Lunch!* Campaign, as they complete the final stage of their [Six Month Practical Cookery Diploma](#).

Guests are invited to sample a fine food buffet at the school, in the heart of the city, on Wednesday 29th August. The fundraising lunch will be held in the school's impressive demonstration theatre and includes a raffle for the chance to win foodie hampers and cookery books.

Fiona Burrell, ENTCS principal, said: *"This is a cause very close to my heart, and the school is very happy to be opening our doors to raise money and awareness for this devastating disease. This is not just a chance to generate funds, but also an opportunity for our students to showcase their skills for a great cause. We look forward to welcoming everyone who buys a ticket for the event."*

Brain tumours are indiscriminate and can affect anyone, at any age and any time, yet just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to fight this devastating disease.

The national *Do Lunch!* campaign urges people to take part by hosting a summer get-together which could be a formal event at home, a BBQ bonanza, a perfect picnic or a three-course luncheon party. Funds raised will be allocated to Brain Tumour Research, which supports sustainable research at dedicated Centres of Excellence.



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Joe Woollcott, Community Fundraising Manager for Brain Tumour Research, said: *“We are encouraging everyone to come along to the Edinburgh New Town Cookery School’s buffet. The event is a perfect example of how friends and family can come together and Do Lunch! for a great cause. We are so grateful to Fiona and the school for their ongoing support and for helping to raise awareness of this devastating disease.”*

Tickets for The Edinburgh New Town cookery school’s buffet are priced at £25, this includes a voluntary donation of £17 for Brain Tumour Research.

For more information and to book a place, visit <https://www.entcs.co.uk/fundraising-lunch-brain-tumour-research>

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Notes to Editors

Brain Tumour Research is the only national charity in the UK dedicated to raising funds for continuous and sustainable scientific research into brain tumours, and we are a leading voice calling for greater support and action for research into what scientists are calling the last battleground against cancer.

We are building a network of experts in sustainable research at dedicated Centres of Excellence whilst influencing the Government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally.

We welcome recent funding announcements for research into brain tumours from the UK Government and Cancer Research UK – £65 million pledged over the next five years. However, this potential funding of £13 million a year comes with a catch – money will only be



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granted to quality research proposals and, due to the historic lack of investment, there may not be enough of these applications that qualify for grants from this pot.

We want research funding parity with breast cancer and leukaemia. We are calling for a £30-35 million investment every year for research into brain tumours in order to fund the basic research groundwork needed to accelerate the translation from laboratory discoveries into clinical trials and fast-track new therapies for this devastating disease.

The Brain Tumour Research charity is a powerful campaigning organisation and represents the voice of the brain tumour community across the UK. We helped establish and provide the ongoing Secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Brain Tumours (APPGBT). We are supporting the crucial APPGBT 2018 Inquiry into the economic and social impacts of brain tumours and will publish their report in the autumn. We are also a key influencer in the development strategy for the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission.

Key statistics on brain tumours:

- Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age
- Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer
- Just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to brain tumours
- In the UK, 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with a brain tumour
- Brain tumours kill more children than leukaemia
- Brain tumours kill more men under 45 than prostate cancer
- Brain tumours kill more women under 35 than breast cancer
- Less than 20% of those diagnosed with a brain tumour survive beyond five years compared with an average of 50% across all cancers

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