

## Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke



Dear OPSYRIS members,

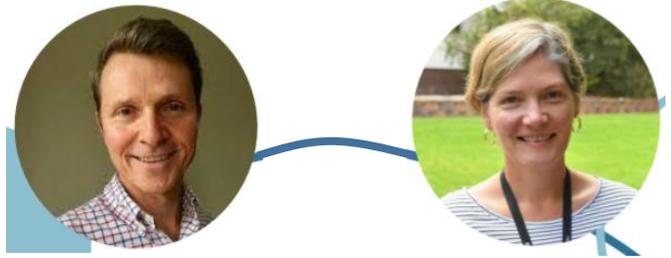
We are back

After a quiet summer, OPSYRIS came back at our vibrant annual meeting. It was a real pleasure to see some of you in person in Norwich and see so many of you join us online. The committee is already planning our next annual meeting, more news will soon follow. Over the summer, we also said goodbye to your excellent Treasurer, Owen Williams, who is now exploring new horizons in Yorkshire.

Best wishes,  
Nele, Kathleen, and Elise

### OPSYRIS Australia Virtual Event

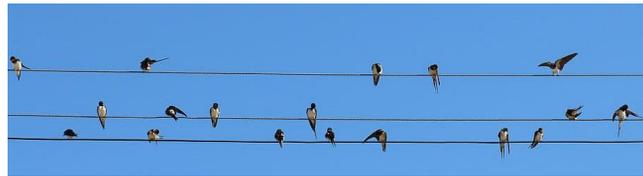
**What:** Half-day live virtual event (no recording)  
**When:** Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, 10pm (GMT)  
**Why:** Keynote speakers at this interdisciplinary forum are Prof Niall Broomfield on post stroke emotionalism and Dr Elizabeth Lunch on implementing evidence in stroke rehabilitation through co-design.  
**How:** Register for the meeting at [https://utsau.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ctDsY0c9OtNq\\_cOq](https://utsau.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctDsY0c9OtNq_cOq)



### UK Swallow Research Group Virtual Conference

Registration is now open for the UK Swallow Research Group Virtual Conference Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

More information and registration details can be found at [UK SRG Registration Site](#).



### Studies seeking participants

HEADS: UP is looking for 60 **people who have had a stroke** and who are interested in taking part in research about **mindfulness**. For all participants this involves filling out questionnaires and taking part in two focus groups or interviews. Some participants may also be asked to attend a 9-week online mindfulness course. People interested can visit the HEADS: UP webpage: <https://bit.ly/3fqgnUp> and use the 'register your interest' form at the bottom.

Helen Morse is looking for **stroke rehabilitation healthcare professionals** to take part in her online survey. The **survey** is looking at what **apps** healthcare professionals use to help with problems with vision and attention after stroke. The survey takes around **15 minutes** and all answers are anonymous. Find the survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/bphpr39h>

Matilde Pieri is looking to recruit an interdisciplinary group of **professionals** with expertise in post-stroke aphasia and Mindfulness (e.g. SLTs, psychologists, OTs, nurses, Mindfulness trainers) to join her research as co-creators. Her research is funded by the Stroke Association and it is aimed to **co-develop** an **aphasia-friendly** adaptation of HEADS: UP, Helping Ease Anxiety and Depression following Stroke, a stroke-adapted **Mindfulness-based** Stress Reduction **intervention** for stroke survivors and their family members (<https://bit.ly/2QbB0cV>). Contact Matilda on [Matilde.Pieri@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:Matilde.Pieri@gcu.ac.uk)

### PIONEER update

This NIHR funded project includes a scoping review, updated and expanded Cochrane review and research priority setting in conjunction with stroke survivors, carers and healthcare professionals.

Part of the dissemination plan includes a series of blog posts outlining the work undertaken, provision of project updates/preliminary results and increasing awareness of perceptual disorders after stroke.

The project includes reviewing evidence for interventions for vision, hearing, taste, smell and touch. For project updates please subscribe to receive our blogs at <https://perceptionpioneer.wordpress.com/home/>



### Surveys, job ads and recruitment

We are very happy to include your surveys, job ads, and calls for recruitment to your study in our newsletter. Please get in touch with the secretary, Kathleen Vancleef on [info@opsyris.org](mailto:info@opsyris.org)

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