



**"WOMEN IN VISION UK 2019" MEETING**

**Friday 13th December 2019**  
**Wellcome-Wolfson Institute of Experimental Medicine**  
**Queen's University Belfast**  
**97 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7BL**

**09:00-09:30**      **Registration / Poster Set up / Refreshments**

**09:30-10:00**      **Welcome**  
Professor Emma Flynn, QUB and Professor Cathy Gormley-Heenan, Ulster University  
Introduction of the new board members by the President of WVUK

**Chairs: Tunde Peto and WVUK representative**

**10:00-10:20**      **Keynote lecture: The Irish Nun Study – is AMD less common?**  
*Ms Julie Silvestri, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Belfast, UK*

**10:20-10:35**      **Diabetic Eye Screening in the Commonwealth – what was achieved in 5 years?**  
*Tunde Peto, QUB and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Belfast, UK*

**10:35-10:55**      **An orthoptist's adventure in the vision research world**  
*Marianne Coleman, University of Surrey, UK*

**10.55 - 11:15**      **Nursing research in ophthalmology**  
*Roxanne Crosby-Nwaobi - Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK*

**11:15-11:40**      **REF2021 and Impact – how do I make my work count?**  
*Julie-Anne Little, Ulster University, UK*

**11.40 – 12.10**      **How Artificial Sweeteners Reduce Diabetes-Associated Blood Vessel Injury in the Eye**  
*Havovi Chichger, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK*  
**Where do the gut microbiome and the eye meet?**  
*Eleni Beli, QUB, UK*

**12.10 – 12.35**      **Rapid Fire Presentations for Best Posters**  
*Moderating: Julie-Anne Little and WVUK representative*

**12:35 - 13:20**      **Lunch, Poster viewing (and vote for the best poster!) and Networking**

**Chairs: WVUK representatives**

**13:20 - 13:35**      **Raising a myopic generation – what will it mean for the future?**  
*Kathryn Saunders, Ulster University, UK*

**13:35 - 14:00**      **Women in ophthalmology: results from our survey**  
*Discussion led by Laura Brady, Fighting Blindness, Rol and Bethany Higgins, UK*

**14:00 - 14:50**      **Keynote Lecture: Viewpoints from leading oneself to a system level**  
**Anja Tuulonen, Professor of Ophthalmology, M.D, Ph.D, Chief Physician, ACES leader, Tays Eye Centre, Tampere University Hospital, Tampere, Finland**  
**(Case presentations for Belfast Trust trainees in a separate room after this talk)**

**14:50-15:20**      **WVUK Business meeting (30 min)**  
*Led by WVUK Board*

**15:20-15:40**      **Close of meeting and poster prizes**

**Networking session:** With tea, mulled wine & mince pies; networking session

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**Date of next meeting:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Birmingham

