



# Amazing Brains 2019

Our Amazing Brains: Research to Recovery event showcased the latest advancements being made in stroke research. This year, the event took place on Wednesday, 15 May 2019, at London's incredible Science Museum.

We were delighted to welcome the Stroke Association's president, HRH The Duke of Kent, to chair the Amazing Brains: Research to Recovery event.

The event was kindly supported by ISS, who have raised an incredible £70,000 in the first year of our partnership and continue to work with the Stroke Association to help rebuild lives after stroke.

The host of the event was television presenter and journalist, Kaye Adams, and the presentations were delivered by three incredible speakers; Professor Nick Ward, Fiona Lloyd-Davies and Professor Jane Burridge. All three presentations were live-streamed on our Facebook page and can be watched again below.



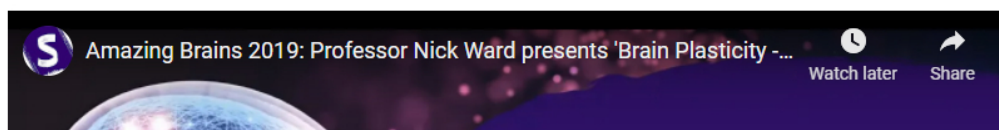
(Left to right: Kaye Adams, Professor Nick Ward, Julie Bouverie, Fiona Lloyd-Davies, Professor Jane Burridge.)

## Presentations

### Professor Nick Ward: Brain Plasticity - The key to stroke recovery

Nick Ward is Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neurorehabilitation at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and UCL Institute of Neurology.

Professor Ward's presentation examined how lessons from studying the neuroscience of brain injury, particularly the idea of brain plasticity, can bring hope to stroke survivors.





### Fiona Lloyd-Davies: Rebuilding People we love

When Fiona's husband, Richard, had a catastrophic brain haemorrhage, she knew nothing about neuro-rehabilitation, neurology or recovery from stroke. What she did have was hope.

As a filmmaker, she decided to pick up her camera and record his extraordinary recovery over four years. The documentary she made for BBC2 Horizon shows a man learning to live again, far beyond anyone's expectations.



### Professor Jane Burridge: Technology for stroke recovery: Are we nearly there?

Jane Burridge is a Professor of Restorative Neuroscience at the University of Southampton, where she leads the Neurorehabilitation Research Group.

Professor Burridge's presentation covered her work on finding ways to promote recovery of movement, and how we can enable useful technologies to become part of routine stroke rehabilitation.







## Research Awards

Following the Amazing brains presentations, we proudly presented this year's Research Awards.

The Stroke Association's Priority Programme Awards are given to leaders in their field, and focus investment in key areas of unmet need. We presented two awards to:

### **Dr Nele Demeyere, University of Oxford.**

Stroke Association Priority Programme Award into the Psychological Consequences of Stroke.

Title of research: Understanding the nature and impact of long-term psychological changes (thinking, mood and fatigue) after stroke.



### **Dr Maggie Lawrence, Glasgow Caledonian University.**

Stroke Association Priority Programme Award into the Psychological Consequences of Stroke.

Title of research: Helping people affected by stroke to self-manage symptoms and anxiety and depression.

Maggie was, unfortunately, unable to attend the event.

The Stroke Association's Lectureship Programme is helping to build the next generation of stroke research leaders. We were delighted to present a lectureship award thanks to the generosity of the Margaret Giffen Charitable trust to:

### **Dr Adrian Parry-Jones, University of Manchester.**

Stroke Association Margaret Giffen Reader Award.

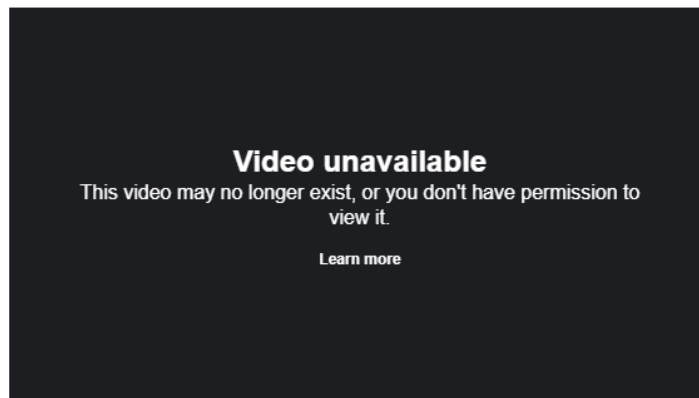
Title of research- Turning research findings into a benefit for patients after intracerebral haemorrhage.



(Left to right: Dr Adrian Parry-Jones, John Butt (Trustee of the Margaret Giffen Charitable Trust), Barry Rogers (Chairman of the Margaret Giffen charitable trust), Kaye Adams)

## Full Presentation Coverage

You can also watch the full coverage of the presentations here.



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