

## CHAIR: Professor John Gallacher, Professor of Cognitive Health, The University of Oxford, Director of Dementias Platform UK.

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JOHN GALLACHER is Professor of Cognitive Health at Oxford University and Director of [Dementias Platform UK](#), a Medical Research Council funded public-private partnership focused on accelerating research into the early detection and treatment of dementia. An expert on brain health and the use of big data in medical research, Professor Gallacher holds a visiting professorship at Imperial College London and an honorary professorship at the University of Hong Kong. He is the Principal Investigator for the Caerphilly Prospective Study and a member of the UK Biobank steering group, leading on cognitive and psychological assessment.

The word that springs to mind is extraordinary. To hear the impact of SP for Ron was extraordinary, the elegance of the dance from Bisakha was extraordinary. I think the line-up of speakers we have is also extraordinary. We are very privileged indeed to be able to hear from all these experts, bringing their experience and their thoughts. So, it is my pleasure to chair. I am going to be a rigorous chair to push the meeting along, and so we will be sticking to time. Speakers beware of my gentle intervention if we stray across time boundaries. Let us start off with Sir Muir Gray. Muir has a CV longer than my arm, an extraordinary career of over 50 years of public health, and significant interventions and agenda setting for UK public health.

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