nsif Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation

Newsletter – Spring 2016

The BBC update

We've had an exciting few weeks here at **nsif**! There have been some great developments in the research that we fund. The first patient, Darek Fidyka, has seen continued progress since he underwent ground-breaking surgery. His progress was reported on the BBC last month. Darek is now able to register feeling in muscles below his injury and has noticed improved bladder control and sexual function – all of which has led to him regaining an increasing sense of independence and empowerment.

Meanwhile, the surgical team have begun a search for the next two patients to undergo the same surgery as Darek. The innovative experimental therapy involves reconstruction of patients' severed spinal cords, using their own olfactory glial cells from the olfactory bulb as well as implants from peripheral nerves. We hope the success of Darek's operation will be repeated in the next two patients, proving there is a cure for paralysis.

Read the BBC report

Join nsif for spring calendar highlights

nsif polo day, 26th May

We’re excited to be holding our second annual polo day at Guards Polo Club. The event will take place during the Cartier Queen’s Cup, one of the most prestigious polo tournaments in the world. For one day only The Clubhouse will open its doors to non-members to enjoy an elegant afternoon. Guests will be treated to a champagne reception followed by a delicious lunch while being spectators to this esteemed tournament. We have a few remaining tables available, so don't hesitate to get in touch!

Tickets are £85 per person or £750 for a table of 10, get a group of friends together and celebrate spring at the polo with **nsif**!

Book your ticket

Looking for a stylish corporate event? Want to make a larger booking? Contact us for more information about booking the Royal Box – exclusively catered by Matt Hay, executive chef at Baxter Storey.

Vitality London 10,000 Run, 30th May

We still have a few places left for this year's Vitality London 10K run on 30th May. The 10K run will take place in the heart of London past some of the city's most iconic sites. Registration is completely free: all we ask is that you try and raise a minimum of £250.

Find out more information and register to take part by emailing alice@nsif.org.uk.

Don't fancy a run? You can show your support for the runners by volunteering to be part of the cheering team on the day. Alternatively, you can donate towards their efforts on our JustGiving page.

All proceeds from our events go towards supporting pioneering research to cure spinal cord injury.

Supporter Spotlight

We have some truly amazing supporters who strive to support **nsif** in creative ways by raising money and awareness of the work we do. In the past few months we've had people taking on a range of sponsored walks and half marathons and doing some incredible fundraising for us. We'd like to shed a special spotlight on Poppy Duncan who faced her fear of heights and braved the skies to take on a sponsored skydive. Poppy's sponsorship soon reached soaring levels, raising over £2,000 for us. Well done and thank you Poppy!

Feeling inspired? **Fundraise for nsif**