

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Catherine Leith

Organisation: The Boom Foundation

Role / Stakeholder Type: Patient, Patient Advocate,
Company representative

Country: Northern Ireland



What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

I am a long-term sarcoma patient, diagnosed in January 2016. My treatment began with surgery and radiotherapy, followed by a recurrence to my lungs in 2017 that required lung surgery. Later that year, I faced another recurrence and underwent chemotherapy. Since then, I've had two ablations. Over the past decade, I've become deeply involved in the sarcoma community. I volunteer with The Boom Foundation, the only sarcoma charity in Northern Ireland, and serve as a support leader working closely with Sarcoma UK. I also contribute to lay reports and was part of the Sarcoma UK State of the Nation report. In addition, I am a trustee with Sarcoma Cancer Ireland.



What's most important to know about your organization?

The Boom Foundation is the only charity in Northern Ireland dedicated solely to supporting people affected by sarcoma. Its work focuses on providing practical, emotional, and financial support close to home.



What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Research, Policy, Patient Support



Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

Patient support and advocacy for The Boom Foundation



How can others best connect with you after the conference?

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One fun fact about you or something you are proud of:

I got married in central park in New York City

