

SPAGN Conference Participant Profile

Name: Kelly Miscandlon

Organisation: The Boom Foundation

Role / Stakeholder Type: Company Representative

Country: Northern Ireland



What is your connection to sarcoma or your sarcoma story?

I lost my 25 year old brother to synovial sarcoma in his leg twenty years ago after a very short period of illness. At that stage, I hadn't heard of sarcoma cancer and specialist support in Northern Ireland was extremely limited, with my brother having no hope of survival. I became aware of 'The Boom Foundation' sarcoma cancer charity not long after the charity was established in 2013, 8 years after my brother passed away. Unfortunately my brother didn't have the opportunity to benefit from the charity's support therefore I began to fundraise in his memory before moving on to a volunteering role. As the charity is run by a small number of volunteers with no overheads, I fulfil a variety of roles including fundraising, marketing and patient referral support. Whilst sarcoma support in Northern Ireland has improved since my brother passed away twenty years ago, unfortunately it is still very much an unknown cancer with very limited treatment options - this must change!



What's most important to know about your organization?

It remains the only charity in Northern Ireland dedicated to sarcoma cancer, with half of the funds raised supporting sarcoma patients in Northern Ireland, with the remaining half given to Sarcoma UK to support research.





What are you most interested in collaborating on?

Awareness, Access, Partnerships, Patient Support



Your role in the organisation and main areas of involvement:

Marketing, fundraising, patient support



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 ran the London marathon for sarcoma patients.

