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Supporters Worldwide Pledge to Talk About A Common Yet Unknown Illness

FND Hope Australia joins others from over 50 countries to unify and mobilise supporters for the 6th Annual International FND Awareness Day on 13th April 2018.

Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) is a problem with the functioning of the nervous system and how the brain and body sends and receives signals. Although FND is common, it has remained a rather unknown illness. The International FND Awareness Day theme **#LetsTalkFND** provides a platform for people to discuss and invite others to ask about FND, whilst also raising awareness of this disabling condition.

FND Hope Australia will participate in the Awareness Day which will feature online activities such as webinars with leading FND specialists and registration for the FND Scientific Registry for much needed medical research. Men, women and children battling FND and their support networks are also encouraged to take the **#LetsTalkFND** pledge to spread the word about FND by sharing their stories and educational materials throughout Australia.

“FND can leave people alone and isolated. Due to the lack of awareness and understanding of the illness, some people are treated poorly and disbelieved when attempting to access health care. Many people with FND across Australia are not receiving the help and support they need to recover from the debilitating effects of the illness. Many are losing their jobs, homes, friends and family. Yet, with the right support and specialized care, people can go on to lead a meaningful life while having FND, but they need a supportive and inclusive health system and community around them”, says Dr Kate Gill, President FND Hope Australia.

This year, as International FND Awareness Day quickly approaches, FND Hope Australia would like to invite you and your family to join us in celebrating FND awareness and advocacy in our community.

To learn more visit fndhope.org. The FND Hope Australia (Registered Charity, ABN: 59 414 792 013) mission is to promote awareness, support affected individuals, and advance research into the prevention, treatment and recovery of FND. In doing this, we empower patients to better health

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