



Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and RAFT raise wound care awareness at Parliamentary reception

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and The Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust (RAFT) held a joint Parliamentary reception in November 2012 to raise awareness of the innovative partnership between the two charities.

Diane Abbott MP, shadow minister for public health, hosted the event and commended the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and RAFT as examples of the 'important role' the third sector has to play in the delivery of effective health care.

The two charities share the aim of helping those living with the effects of wounds. The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation supports a network of Leg Clubs, which assist the health and wellbeing of people with chronic leg conditions, while RAFT is carrying out pioneering research into practical and affordable ways to repair skin.

The event was attended by guests from the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the health care industry and health care publications, alongside volunteers and representatives from the two charities.

Clockwise from right: Pictured (left to right) Leonor Stjepic, chief executive of RAFT, Diane Abbott, Ellie Lindsay, president of the LLCF; the reception in full flow; Diane Abbott hosts the event.



Among them was Earl Howe, health minister and keen supporter of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation as well as celebrity chef Peter Gordon, one of RAFT's patrons.

The reception gave guests an opportunity to find out about the charities and their partnership through speeches from the chief executives of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and RAFT as well as Mary-Rose Fawkes, a patient and patron of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation.

Cathy Moulton, clinical advisor from Diabetes UK, said: 'I found it incredibly informative and have already shared a lot of the information with my colleagues.'

The reception rounded off a successful year for the two charities which included a joint award for Innovation at the 2012 *British Journal of Nursing Awards*.

Professor Michael Clark, chief executive of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation, added: "It was good to see so many key people within the wound care world at



Ellie Lindsay and Earl Howe, Parliamentary under-secretary of state, Department of Health

the reception. Our feedback from the day told us it was a very successful event, which reflects further how well our two charities work together."

