



*Working to benefit all people
affected by genetic disorders*

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TUNE IN AND LISTEN TO GIG'S RADIO 4 APPEAL

The Genetic Interest Group (GIG) the UK alliance organisation for people affected by genetic disorders is delighted to be one of the chosen charities for one of the BBC Radio 4 weekly appeals on **Sunday 4th March**. Our appeal will be presented by rock legend and flautist extraordinaire Ian Anderson of the equally legendary Jethro Tull.

The appeal will be broadcast just before the eight o'clock news at **7.55 am** and again later in the evening of the **4th March at 9.26 pm**, and again on **Thursday, 8th March at 3.27 pm**.

Please listen in and lend your support to GIG and our important work.

This appeal is a fantastic opportunity for GIG to increase awareness the activities we carry out working with children and families affected by genetic conditions, as well as to generate funds. We are very grateful to Radio 4 for this opportunity and, of course, to Ian Anderson for his time and support.

Please listen in and lend your support. If you'd like to make a donation to the Genetic Interest Group, then please visit www.gig.org.uk/donate.htm.

GIG's Radio 4 appeal will be broadcast on:

Radio 4, Frequency: FM 92.4 – 94.6 or LW 198.

Radio 4 is also available online: www.bbc.co.uk/radio4.

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Notes to Editors

- **The Genetic Interest Group (GIG)** is a national alliance of organisations with a membership of over 120 charities that support children, families and individuals affected by genetic disorders.
- Our primary goal is to promote awareness and understanding of genetic disorders so that high quality services for people affected by genetic conditions are developed and made available to all who need them.
- Individually, many genetic conditions are rare and as such it is difficult to raise their profile and the needs of those affected by them. GIG provides a common platform from which effective programmes to raise awareness, inform the media and influence government, industry and the NHS can be launched
- As an organisation focusing on issues of policy and practice GIG keeps an active watch on developments in the UK and Europe that will influence the effective transfer of knowledge and understanding into products and services for families that are supported by our member groups.
- In a potentially controversial field like genetics GIG provides a strong voice advocating the benefits of scientific progress in understanding the contribution being made now and that will be made in the years to come for improving health and combating many currently incurable diseases.



- **Jethro Tull** formed in February 1968 from the ashes of two unsuccessful blues/rock bands of the era.
- Ian Anderson brought his unique and innovative style of flute playing to a public raised on the guitar-based British bands who courted acceptance at London's famous Marquee Club.
- Ian Anderson (flute and vocals) and Martin Barre (guitar) provide to this day the musical and historical backbone of the group, joined by Doane Perry on drums, Andrew Giddings on keyboards, and Jonathan Noyce on bass.
- With sales of around 60 million albums and more than 2500 concerts in 40 countries, the band continues to tour and record, typically performing 100 concerts per year.
- You can find out more about Ian Anderson and Jethro Tull at: www.j-tull.com.

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