

**Rare Disease Day:**

300 million people have a rare disease. 72% of these are genetic whilst others are the result of infections, allergies and environmental causes or are rare cancers. Rare diseases affect a larger percentage of children in comparison to adults.

There are a number of organisations that support families who have a child living with a rare disease such as [Contact a Family](#).

This year the theme for Rare Disease Day is [Share your colours](#).