HOW TO ILLUMINATE A BUILDING FOR RARE DISEASE DAY
This year for Rare Disease Day 2022 we are calling on everyone to help the rare disease community be united by a chain of lights across the world. In light of COVID-19 this chain will serve as one of the symbolic ways to break isolation globally.

Anyone can contribute whether you are a person living with a rare disease, an individual family member, a healthcare professional, an industry representative, or a public official. We encourage you to find a local or national patient organisation to help you spread the word and raise awareness for people living with a rare disease.

The more local and national buildings and monuments illuminated all strengthen the international impact!

**TOOLS WHICH WILL HELP YOU LIGHT UP A BUILDING OR MONUMENT LOCAL TO YOU:**

- **Rare Disease Day style guide**, which includes the colours to request and logo. If you have to choose one colour, we suggest the colour blue!

- Deciding on which building to illuminate can be difficult! Take a look at [2020 building illuminations](#) for inspiration.

- Use the [email template](#) by Andrew Bannister to make your request!

- [Watch our webinar](#) to learn tips from those who succeeded in illuminating buildings in years before!

- Learn more about illuminating buildings and the significance of this for the local and international community. [Check out the testimonies of both Simona and Andrew](#).

- **Running list of buildings secured by name and organisation**. Let us know once you have secured the illumination of a building or if your application is pending, so we can update the list!

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**WANT TO DO MORE?**

- **Start a conversation** with the people in your community to help spread awareness of people living with a rare disease. **Share your story** or share the story of people who inspire you. The more voices that join us, the louder we can be in our demand for equity.

- **Check out all the events and activities** happening around the world. Here you can find and join patient organisations, and **join your community**. You can even create your own event and post it to the website, to raise awareness or raise donations.

- **Download** a whole host of campaign materials – from social media graphics, videos, posters, badges, banners and toolkits. We’ve got everything you need to help raise awareness, your way.
- Local press articles about illumination of monuments and buildings in different countries:

**United States of America**
- Park Slope boy with incurable disease helps raise awareness for ‘World Rare Disease Day’
- Horizon and Willis Tower Elevate the Need for Rare Disease Innovation on Rare Disease Day
- Brooklyn Boy with rare blood disease to speak at awareness event on 29 Feb
- Rocket Pharmaceuticals Supports Rare Disease Day and Joins Global Movement to Raise Awareness

**Italy**
- Roma, l’Acea illumina il Colosseo in ricordo della Giornata delle malattie rare
- Dal Colosseo alla Torre di Pisa, il 29 luci sui monumenti per la giornata delle malattie rare
- Colosseo illuminati per le malattie rare

**Spain**
- Murcia se ilumina mañana de verde con motivo del Día de las Enfermedades Raras
- Hoy es el día mundial de las enfermedades raras

**Use your local language to raise awareness** (Example of an article written in Basque)
- Gaixotasun Arraroen Mundu Egunean, morez argiztatuko da Donostiako Udaletxe