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Kathy Oliver is the founding Co-Director and Chair of the International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA), a dynamic worldwide community for brain tumour patient organisations and others involved in neuro-oncology. Based in the UK, she is involved in advocating for equitable access to new brain tumour therapies; encouraging the establishment of brain tumour patient and caregiver support groups in countries where they don't yet exist; and raising awareness of the challenges associated with this devastating disease. She sits on a range of high-level neuro-oncology/oncology multi-stakeholder initiatives, including All.Can, Rare Cancers Europe, EORTC SISAQOL project and others. Kathy, an ex-freelance journalist, edits the IBTA's annual magazine, Brain Tumour, of which 14,000 copies are printed each year and distributed for free to recipients in 111 countries and at national and international neuro-oncology and cancer conferences. Kathy's son, Colin, was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2004 at age 24 and passed away, age 32, in August 2011. She cites her son's "incredible courage, determination and fortitude" as the driving force and inspiration behind her involvement in the international brain tumour and rare cancer communities.

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