



# Meet the Speaker: Lisa Blundell

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**Title of the talk:** Life beyond childhood cancer



**Who is Lisa Blundell?** Lisa is a Registered Dietitian and is completing a doctorate in Community Health at Memorial University. As a researcher, and as a person living beyond childhood cancer, she is passionate about exploring and understanding the lived experience of illness and person-centred care. Currently, Lisa is researching the eating experience of people with ostomies and dietetic counselling for those with an ostomy. Lisa's other research interests include food security and related food policies, and pediatric oncology camping as a therapeutic intervention.

**What will Lisa talk about?** A cancer diagnosis as a child forever changes a person's life trajectory. Living beyond childhood cancer involves learning to manage evolving health concerns, determining life values and personal goals, as well as forming one's identity. In this talk, I will discuss my personal experiences and my observations among peers who are learning to live beyond childhood cancer, including preferred language, challenges, elements of grief, and gaps in supports in NL.