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It's In Your Genes

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Monday January 20th 2014

Doors open at 6:45 for a 7:15 start

It's In Your Genes - What do you want to know?

Dr Anna Middleton



A saliva sample contains all 20,000 or so genes that every person has. It is now technically possible as well as relatively cheap and easy to look through all 20,000 and offer information about your past, present and future health. Genes contain information about when you would have been predisposed to developing your first tooth through to whether you are at risk of developing Alzheimers when you are older. What, if anything, would you want to know? This 'sequencing' technology is going to be in the NHS on a large scale from next year and in preparation for this Anna Middleton is running a social sciences research project that has gathered the attitudes from 7,000 people across 91 different countries on how they feel the testing should be implemented.

In this talk, Anna will give an overview of the science as well as how people are interested in using it. Members of the audience will also have the opportunity to see how they compare by using voting pads to register their attitudes.

About the Speaker:



Anna Middleton

(that's her on the left)