

# THE VOICE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Welcome to the summer edition of The Voice newsletter. It's been a very busy 2017 so far and I'm continuing to meet so many of you as I travel around the country. As you know the Board and the Senior Management Team are working on our new organisational strategy 2017 – 2020, so we've been engaged in a comprehensive consultation process to inform the strategy. Consultation sessions have taken place with staff, branches, carers, volunteers, people living with dementia, the national dementia office and corporate partners and I appreciate everyone's role in helping to form our new vision.



Pat McLoughlin, CEO ASI

follow them, it's great to see how everyone one is getting on.

We had such a positive response to our Tea Day campaign this year, proudly supported for the second year running by Medtronic. You came out in your droves to support your local services by getting the kettle on and the pictures and monies you all raised are still being collected. We had a great morning with TV3's Ireland AM at our Heskin Court day centre, thanks to all the staff there who looked after us so well. Also a big thank you to everyone who took part in the programme and who shared their personal experiences of the ASI.

Last year I presented Minister for Older People Helen McEntee with the 25,000 signatures collected as part of the ASI campaign 'Dementia Care Begins at Home', so we welcomed the news that the Minister will begin a consultation process that will lead to the development of a statutory home care scheme, which will be a crucial step in ensuring that people with dementia will have more choice in the care they can access. In other policy work we will be launching our Pre-Budget Submission 2018 and continue to advocate for dementia specific funding.

A special thank you to ASI Ambassador Miss Ireland Niamh Kennedy and her Mam Catherine, who shared their story of dementia with all the nation to help raise awareness and to Ronan Smith from the Irish Dementia Working Group who welcomed TV3 into his home to give people a snap shot of what it's like living with early onset familial Alzheimer's. Congratulations to everyone who managed to get themselves a one-off tea cosy knit by the TV3 viewers, they alone rose close to €2,000.

I was happy to see ASI services are continuing to grow steadily within the community. Day care is up 3% on 2016 delivering 137,485 hours in the first three months of 2017, our helpline service had 1,340 service users availing of this six day service in the first quarter of 2017 a 14% increase on 2016 and our Dementia Advisers are showing strong growth with 420 new clients availing of this post diagnosis service which is a 15% increase on 2016. These growth figures are very impressive so well done to everyone involved.

Carers week is always an important week in my calendar and this year we marked it with the launch of our De-Stress Research Report which was led by Trinity College Dublin's NEIL programme. This report examines the health and wellbeing of spousal carers of people with dementia. Thank you to all the carers who gave their time, which is very precious when you are looking after a loved one, to be part of this essential report.

The All-Party Oireachtas Group is going from strength to strength and this year has seen them host a round-table event for key stakeholders to advance the discussion on how Ireland can develop a scheme for home care and a second session on 'Building Dementia Awareness in the Oireachtas'.

Have you spotted the Mobile Information Bus in your locale yet? Since its launch late last year it's been doling out advice and support for people in Waterford, Cork, Kerry and Dublin and plans to continue its journey throughout the country. The bus was made possible by the very generous donation from The Peggy Mangan Foundation and to them we are extremely grateful as the bus allows us to help increase awareness about dementia all across the country. If you see them please stop by and say hi.

There is trojan work being carried out by the Irish Dementia Working Group and the Dementia Carers Campaign Network. I'm delighted to report the Irish Dementia Working Group elected their first steering group, congratulations to Des O'Grady, Kathy Ryan, Dolores Power, Roan Smith, Anne McGeown and Helen Rochford Brennan, on their election. And the Dementia Carers Campaign Network launched their dedicated twitter account @DCCNIRL so please do

I hope you all have wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting you all on my travels.

Pat McLoughlin.

## IRISH DEMENTIA WORKING GROUP – UPDATE

The Irish Dementia Working Group (IDWG) was delighted to elect their first Steering Group in Dublin on Wednesday, May 3rd.



The new steering group of the IDWG, pictured left to right: Des O'Grady, Kathy Ryan (Vice Chair), Dolores Power, Ronan Smith (Chair), Anne McGeown and Helen Rochford Brennan.

Up to now the Group had been working with a pseudo steering group comprised of three members (Kathy Ryan, Ronan Smith and Helen Rochford Brennan) who apart from the former Chairperson (Helen) had not been elected or nominated by members of the IDWG.

As Helen has recently stepped down as Chair of the IDWG, this was an opportune time to address this and each of the pseudo steering group were very keen for the election process to be a democratic, transparent, accessible and fair.

their interest in putting their names forward for nomination to the steering group. Each member was contacted individually and had the opportunity to discuss the responsibilities attached to the roles and given every opportunity to get involved.

We were delighted that at the last IDWG meeting each of the members had the opportunity to vote for their choice of representatives on the Steering Group.

We look forward to working with the Steering Group and wish them the very best in their new roles!

If you would like to get involved with the IDWG contact Avril Easton [avril.easton@alzheimer.ie](mailto:avril.easton@alzheimer.ie)

All members of the IDWG were invited to express

## DEMENTIA CARERS CAMPAIGN NETWORK (DCCN) – UPDATE

**Members meeting:** The DCCN meeting on Wednesday, April 26th was a great opportunity to learn more about the National Dementia Strategy. Emer Begley and Anna de Siun, Senior Project Managers with the HSE's National Dementia Office, attended the meeting and gave an overview of the work that is currently being done to implement the strategy.

**DCCN meet IDWG :** On April 8th the DCCN committee held their regular quarterly meeting, followed by their first joint meeting with the steering group of the Irish Dementia Working Group (IDWG). The IDWG steering group currently has three members- Helen Rochford-Brennan, Kathy Ryan and Ronan Smith.

This joint meeting was a valuable opportunity for the two committees to get to know each other and to learn more about each other's work.

**The DCCN is on Twitter:** Over the past few months the DCCN committee and the ASI have worked to establish a dedicated DCCN Twitter account and it went live on 26th April. This account will focus on issues affecting dementia carers, highlight the activities of the DCCN and share messages from DCCN campaigns



DCCN members with staff from the National Dementia Office on 26th April.



Members of the DCCN committee and IDWG steering group at their meeting on 8th April

If there are any events or resources you would like to share through the account or if you'd like to get involved with the DCCN please contact [joanna.joyce@alzheimer.ie](mailto:joanna.joyce@alzheimer.ie)

## ASI AWARDED BURSARIES TO ATTEND ALZHEIMER UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON

The ASI was awarded two bursaries by Alzheimer Disease International (ADI) to attend their Alzheimer University in Washington DC from 27th to 30th March.

This training focused on strategic planning for advocacy, highlighting how to identify policy issues, building consensus on priorities and creating lasting political leadership on dementia.

The participants also had an opportunity to attend the opening ceremony and a morning session of the Alzheimer's Association annual Advocacy Forum, providing valuable insight into how advocacy work on dementia is prioritised and structured in the United States.

The Alzheimer University was also an excellent opportunity to build relationships with key stakeholders from ADI, the Alzheimer's Association and other associations from around the world. The Alzheimer Society of Ireland would like to thank ADI for supporting and facilitating its staff to participate in this training.



Representatives from 11 countries including Tina Leonard & Joanna Joyce from ASI at the meeting of the Pan America Health Organisation during the ADI Alzheimer University.

## IRISH ALL-PARTY OIREACHTAS GROUP ON DEMENTIA – UPDATE

### All-Party Oireachtas Group on Dementia hosts ASI

On March 2nd the All-Party Oireachtas Group on Dementia hosted the ASI to deliver a second session on 'Building Dementia Awareness in the Oireachtas'. To date over 50 Oireachtas members and staff have completed a dementia session.

It was attended by key stakeholders, including Minister Helen McEntee, Professor Eamon O'Shea and HSE Head of Operations and Service Improvement Services for Older People, Michael Fitzgerald.



Senator Colette Kelleher, Kathy Ryan, Tina Leonard, Pat McLoughlin and Deputy Mary Butler at the Dementia Awareness Session

### Round Table on Home Care

There is wide-spread recognition of the need for a fair and equitable network of home care across Ireland.

The All-Party Oireachtas Group on Dementia therefore welcomed the announcement in January 2017 that Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Helen McEntee TD, will be launching a consultation process with a view to establishing a new statutory home care scheme.

The All-Party Group hosted a round-table event for key stakeholders on Thursday, March 23rd to advance the discussion on how Ireland can develop a scheme for home care that is equitable, well-resourced and well-regulated.



Speakers and attendees at the round table event.

## MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE – UPDATE



Since launching our mobile information service late last year we've stopped in Waterford, Cork, Kerry and Dublin and are planning to be on the road again in June with further stops in Dublin, Galway and Kilkenny.

The new service, which brings much-needed support and information to people living with dementia and their carers, is run by trained staff and volunteers and creates a unique opportunity to increase awareness about dementia across the country.

The service was made possible thanks to funds raised by the Peggy Mangan Foundation, set up by the family of the late 67-year-old pensioner from Terenure following her tragic death in 2014.

The ASI Mobile Information Unit will bring trained personnel into the heart of Irish communities. The Mobile Information Service is an important addition

to how The ASI can provide information and support to people with dementia and their families, in their local communities.

If you would like to get further information please contact: [mobileinformationservice@alzheimer.ie](mailto:mobileinformationservice@alzheimer.ie) or Call Tina or Fiona at 01 207 3819

The bus will be at the following locations:

- **16th June: Limerick**  
103-104 O'Connell Street, Limerick - 12pm - 3pm
- **17th June: Waterford**  
55 High Street, Waterford - 1pm
- **20th June: Blanchardstown**  
Connolly Hospital 10-3:30pm
- **15th – 17th July: Meath**  
Oldcastle Agricultural Show

## LAUNCH OF VOLUNTEER POLICY AND HANDBOOK

We had a very successful launch of our ASI Volunteer Policy and Handbook in February.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in putting this vital piece of information together.

It covers areas including volunteering with the ASI, the volunteer roles to what ASI needs from our volunteers.

Because of the commitment and generosity of our volunteers the ASI can extend the reach of our services; bring knowledge, skills and expertise to our programmes; raise local awareness; tap into grassroots with the local communities and raise vital funds to develop service within our communities.

To get your copy please email [mary.bardin@alzheimer.ie](mailto:mary.bardin@alzheimer.ie)



Pictured ASI CEO Pat McLoughlin, Operations Manager ASI Mary Bardin and Volunteer Coordinator Iris Buchanan.

## RESEARCH ROUNDUP

Welcome to The Voice's Research Roundup, which aims to inform you about the many strands of research that ASI are involved with:

### Towards Resilience in Family caregiving for People with Dementia.

The ASI is a collaborator on this project, which is funded by the Health Research Board and led by UCD. The ASI is committed to providing advice and support to the project. As part of the research project, the group will work together to develop ways to Enhance Carer Resilience (EnCaRe) and develop a toolkit for family carers to enhance their resilience when caring for a loved one with dementia.

### Fitness to Drive

This project is about fitness to drive in patients with cognitive impairment and possible improvement strategies for a general practice setting. ASI provides expert advice and input into the study, which is funded by the Road Safety Authority and is led by University College Cork.

### Risk Reduction Project

The ASI has joined a co-funding collaboration with three other charities. The group is being led by the Irish Cancer Society and includes the Irish Heart Foundation and Diabetes Ireland.

If you would like further information on any of the research being carried out contact [bernadette.rock@alzheimer.ie](mailto:bernadette.rock@alzheimer.ie) please.



The aim of the partnership is to co-fund a research project examining interventions for chronic disease risk reduction in Ireland. The three year project examines peer-to-peer motivational interview intervention for smoking, alcohol and physical activity among at-risk adolescents in lower socio-economic communities.

### De-Stress Research

ASI are delighted to launch the research findings from the De-Stress Research Report, which examines the Health and Wellbeing of Spousal Carers of People with Dementia in Ireland and was led by Trinity College Dublin's NEIL programme.

## ASI TRAINING

### Home Based Care - Home Based Education Erasmus+ Project Showcase Event.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland has successfully coordinated 'Home Based Care - Home Based Education' an Erasmus+ project since 2015.

The main aim of the project was to develop an online training course for family carers looking after a loved one with dementia. To date we have received excellent feedback from the 85 online course participants.

The one day Online Education Social Learning conference / workshop took place on Thursday, June 8th at Dublin City University.

This event helped to publicise the project and share our experiences within ASI, and to community sector organisations in Ireland and Europe who are interested in developing online training or education programmes.



Our Online Education Social Learning event was of particular interest to our tutors who have skillfully delivered or are currently delivering our face-to-face course Insights into Dementia.

Contact [fergus.timmons@alzheimer.ie](mailto:fergus.timmons@alzheimer.ie) for information.

## TUTOR PROFILE

My name is Maeve Quigley and I have worked in The Alzheimer Society of Ireland since 2006. I began my journey working with people living with dementia through community employment. I gained employment with the ASI in a full-time position in March 2009. I have worked in Cairdeas DC, Le Cheile DC, Failte DC and Homecare. I currently working as a Manager in Fingal DC and am loving the challenges this brings.

In March 2017 a job advert within the ASI caught my eye. The position was to train families who are caring for their loved ones at home, to help in day to day challenges by informing them about nutrition, challenging behaviours, activities and communication.

I applied and much to my delight I was asked by the Training Manager Fergus Timmons, if I would be available to facilitate the upcoming Insights into Dementia, Informing & Empowering Family Carers Training.

I commenced on 18/03/2017 for 6 weeks. I met some wonderful families who are living with loved ones who have dementia. The families that came to the training were dealing with different stages of dementia from early to late stages. The information they shared with each other over the course of the training was eye opening to

me. The little tricks they shared with the group are a benefit to me as well as the other families.

I was very nervous at that first training course but didn't show it as these families were looking to me for support, advice and help. We shared many laughs and tears but the support around the room was incredible.

On the final evening we had a run through of all the previous weeks, the families received their certificates and we celebrated our success with tea and cakes. I have started another journey within the ASI and I'm delighted to be able to support the families I work with.



Maeve Quigley

## IRELAND AM AT THE ASI

### Alzheimer Tea Day 2017

The ASI's tea cosy auction on TV3's Ireland AM raised €1,070 for Tea Day 2017 which was supported for the 2nd year running by Medtronic.

The ASI would like to thank TV3, the Ireland AM crew and all the guests who appeared on the show this morning – including Miss Ireland Niamh Kennedy and her mother Catherine; actor Rory Cowan; ASI helpline volunteer Gerard Mulligan; Irish Dementia Working Group member Ronan Smith; and Dublin band Scoops who provided the music.



All the money raised on the morning will go towards funding the dementia-specific supports and services provided by the ASI.

In addition to the Ireland AM Tea Day, the ASI would like to thank everyone who hosted, supported or attended Tea Day 2017 events around the country.



## TEA DAY AROUND THE COUNTRY

### CORK (right)

David and Catherine Cashman from Carrigtwohill who organised their 12th consecutive Tea Day event this year which was held in their local community centre.



### CORK (below)

Thanks to Mary Falvey and her friends in ICA and the local active retirement group who organised a Tea Day 2017 event in the Castle Arms, Blarney.



### CORK

Tea Day party in The Arches in Mallow – thanks to Kieran Horgan and the excellent staff for providing the venue and tea and coffee. Thanks also to Noreen Roche and Joan Brown for all the fabulous baking and everyone who donated a spot prize €840 was raised.



### TIPPERARY

Thanks to all the students from St. Anne's Community College in Killaloe who helped to make our Tea Day at Watermans Lodge a great success. TY students pictured with carer Kaye Cullen.

## TEA DAY AROUND THE COUNTRY



### KERRY

Tea morning in Ballymacelligott, Co Kerry raised €1,200.

Many thanks to all who supported.



### TIPPERARY

Allison Kennedy, aunt of the ASI Tea Day Ambassador and Miss Ireland Niamh Kennedy, played at a Trad Tea Day event in Castlough, Tipperary on Sunday, May 7th. Local musicians played in the glorious sunshine. Pictured are Catriona Lavelle, Allison Kennedy & the musicians.



### TIPPERARY

Fifth year students, Ahana and Katie from Nenagh college presenting a cheque to Nenagh branch (Mary, Pauline & Aileen). The students held a tea day in their school on National tea day.



### ROSCOMMON

Tea Day 2017 event in Castlerea Day Care was very successful and raised over €700.



### LIMERICK

This is a photo of delicious "Forget me not cupcakes" at the Tea Day 2017 event in Miss Marples Tea Rooms in Limerick.



### MAYO

Castlebar Day Care door sign made by staff member for Tea Day 2017.



### CARLOW

Tea Day in Bull McCabes lounge Tullow Co Carlow held by South East Region - Carlow / Kilkenny Homecare Coordinator Caroline Kennedy.

## TEA DAY AROUND THE COUNTRY



### DUBLIN

A big thank you and well done to Pat Dunne and all the helpers in St. Agnus Community Centre who held and supported a Tea Day for Clonmacnoise Day Centre in Crumlin.

A big thank you for all your support, from Day Centre Manager Edel Byrne and all the staff.



### LONGFORD

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported our tea day



### LIMERICK

Staff in The Orchid Unit of St. Ita's Hospital, Newcastlewest Co Limerick celebrating Tea Day.



### CLONMEL

Thanks to George Walsh and all the staff in AIB for their support hosting the Clonmel ASI branch Tea Day.



### CARRICKMACROSS

Carrickmacross Outreach Day Care Centre of County Monaghan ASI Branch held their annual tea day in Deery's Lounge, Carrickmacross.



### CARLOW

The Carlow Tea Day event was organized by carer Catherine Kelly with the help from staff in Bethany House Daycare Centre. Thanks to all family & friends who supported us.



### DUBLIN

Mary Dowdall raised €1,300 hosting a successful Tea Day in memory of her mother Lily Dowdall (R.I.P.) who attended Cairdeas Day Centre, Raheny. She is pictured here with nurse manager, Sarah White.



### DUBLIN

"The management and staff at Le Cheile would like to thank everyone for calling into our centre last Friday to help support us on the day, and for their continuing kind donations.

A special thank you to Stephanie Shelley, who designed the fantastic cake. Currently we've raised €735."

## LATEST AMBASSADOR – RUGBY STAR DAVE KEARNEY

Leinster and Ireland rugby star Dave Kearney, who has 109 appearances for Leinster and 16 caps for Ireland, is our latest official ambassador. He's looking forward to joining our hardworking team to help raise awareness by advocating and supporting the 55,000 people living with dementia in Ireland.

In his first official role as ambassador he joined Miss Ireland Niamh Kennedy and RTÉ Presenter Dáithí Ó Sé

and encouraged you to get the kettle on for Alzheimer Tea Day and you didn't disappoint.

Dave Said "I'm delighted to be lining out with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland to show my support as an official ambassador for the thousands of families living with dementia in Ireland. The work the ASI does helping people living with dementia in Ireland today is outstanding".



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Presentation of cheque from Shaper's Hair Salon, Mitchelsotwn, County Cork.

Pictured with the cheque, from left to right are May Moriarty, Mary Dunleavy, Bernie Molan, Gertie Condon and Mary Molan.



**Kilimanjaro climb:** The Lee sisters, Rebecca, Rachael and Ruth present Nikki Keegan and Amy Vaughan of The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland with a cheque for €4,005 after scaling Kilimanjaro for charity.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**Munster Rugby** not only had a great season on the pitch this year but also took time off the pitch to help support ASI as their nominated charity partner. From Memory Ribbon, to cake decorating to hosting a Tea Day they have been involved in quiet a lot this season. CJ Stander added yet another award to his never-ending collection

winning "Best Cake Decorator" at a joint Tea Day event with Munster Rugby & UL.

The partnership ends with the rugby season and as such our final event with Munster Rugby took place at their annual awards lunch with all funds raised from the sale of tickets going towards ASI and Diabetes Ireland.



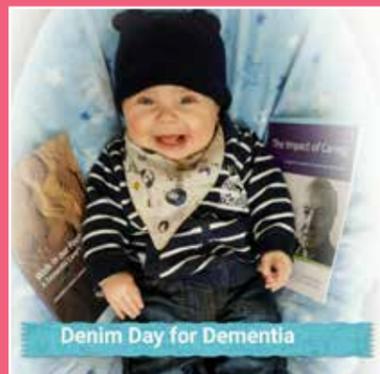
**Iceland** - We are delighted to announce a new partnership agreement with the supermarket chain Iceland Foods Ireland.

As part of this corporate partnership agreement, Iceland has provided fundraising collection points for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland at the end of shopping tills in all of their stores in the heart of local communities across Ireland.



**Denim Day** - A big thanks you to everyone who got involved in the ASI's first National Denim Day for Dementia in March. We loved seeing the photos of everyone

getting on board with Denim Day, wearing denim in your workplace, college, schools and even at family events! **Thank you for this amazing support!**



## OUR ASI FAMILY

### Drumming Circle – at Heskin Court

One of our Volunteers Andrew Moore conducted research into the many positive effects of drumming for peoples' health and well-being and has designed a workshop which is held every Monday at Heskin Court, Dublin 4. He starts with a short description of the drums, the history around them and examples of how they are being used. During this time everyone has time to feel the make of the drums, the skins spinning their tops, and wooden or synthetic bodies of the instruments.

Clients who might struggle with other activities, focus on the sounds, some close their eyes while they internalise the rhythm, they watch the movements of the hands and mirror these as they create the music along with everyone else in the group.

Drumming induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, produces feelings of well-being, a release of emotional trauma and reduces stress and our clients love taking part. There is a great atmosphere in the room with a lot of laughter.

For more information contact Fiona Foley at Heskin Court on 086 809 1778.



### Arts and crafts in Bethany House -

Staff and persons with dementia enjoyed an arts and crafts activity in Bethany House Day Care Carlow in April. The event was hosted by a family member who showed people how to make Easter bunnies from squares knitted by the clients over the past few weeks. These bunnies were sent to the Neonatal Unit in Limerick.



### St Patrick's Day Parade at Curlew Road

Staff and clients looked the part when they had their St. Patrick's Day Parade at Curlew Road Day Care Centre. The theme for this year's parade was - "We Will Never Forget We're Irish, Irish and Proud!"



### Award for ASI Volunteer

At the Volunteer Ireland County Awards in Carlow in March, ASI Volunteer Margaret Moran received an award for her volunteer work in Bethany House Day Care in Carlow.

Margaret was one of 15 volunteers in Carlow to be honoured on the night. DC Manager Hilda Archbold and HC Coordinator Caroline Kennedy attended The Awards ceremony in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. Margaret was presented with a lovely plaque and a hamper on the night.

Margaret volunteers in the day centre as a carer every Thursday morning and is a great help to the staff in the centre.



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

### CORK

Catriona Lavelle and Southern Region Managers marking the retirement of Pauline Mulcahy from ASI Ennis Home Support team.



### TIPPERARY

A carer information evening took place in Clonmel on Wednesday, May 3rd and had a great turn out with lots of information for Family members and Carers Pictured from Left to Right - Thomas O'Callaghan and Michelle from Southern Mobility, Anne Quinn from 5 steps to living well with Dementia, Richie Molloy from Family Carers Ireland, Catherine Bartels from the ASI, Deirdre Maguire, Solicitor with O'Shee Murphy & Co, Claire McCarthy and Eamonn O'Keefe - Community Garda Services



### TIPPERARY

Bridget Crosse, Nurse in Le Cairde Day Care Centre, collects a cheque of €1,000 from Excel Centre in Tipperary Town and Catherine Bartels, Home Care Co-Ordinator in Clonmel, at a presentation of a €1000 cheque from Monroe Sports Centre who organised a Social Dance for the South Tipperary Branch of the ASI.



### LIMERICK

Stephen O'Doherty had a cardiac arrest during a visit to the Old Quarter Dental Practice in Limerick. He was resuscitated by the Dentist Derek Lombard and the Nurse Aideen Ryan using the Defibrillator.

As a result the company Heart Safety Solutions donated a defibrillator to the community via the ASI which has now positioned in the foyer of the day care centre building in Garryowen, Limerick.



Pictured above are Dentist Derek Lombard; ASI Healthcare Assistant, Marion Keane; Chairperson ASI Limerick Branch, Marilyn Sheehan; Stephen O'Doherty; Nurse Aideen Ryan; Gareth Walsh Heart Safety Solutions; and Nicky Richards.

### KILKENNY

The CBS Secondary School in Kilkenny recently held a non-uniform day fundraiser for the local ASI Day Centre.

The fundraiser was a massive success and raised €1,182.58. Pictured are CBS Teacher Mr Pat Downey, Nurse Manager Ruth Maher and CBS Students.



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

### KILKENNY

ASI Operations Manager Mary Bardin being presented with a cheque for €1,500 from the Rotary Club Kilkenny following their fundraising Table Quiz event. In the picture Jonathan Doyle, O'Neill Foley Chartered and Accountant and Brendan Roberts, Campion Insurances Kilkenny Branch Manager.



### WESTMEATH

The information event hosted by Whelan's Pharmacy in The Greville Arms Hotel proved to be a great success. The main speaker for the evening Dr Michael O'Cuill - Consultant in Psychiatry of Old Age - gave an insightful talk on the disease and following the speakers was a lively and engaging Q & A session. L to R Donal Murphy Operations Manager ASI, Eamon Brady Whelan's Pharmacy & Dr Michael O'Cuill.

### SOUTH EAST REGION

This photograph shows all the managers and coordinators in the southeast region that includes Carlow, Wicklow, Kildare, Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny and Wexford.

These managers and coordinators run many social clubs and support groups in their local communities.

Pictured are Mary Bardin (Operations Manager); Eileen Nolan (Administration Officer); Lawrence Collins (Daycare Manager Wicklow); Hilda Archibold (Daycare Manager Carlow); Deilia Roche (Daycare Manager Carlow); Caroline Kennedy (Home care coordinator Carlow and Kilkenny); Samantha Whelan (Home care Coordinator Wexford); Ruth Maher (Daycare Manager Kilkenny); Margaret Maher (Daycare Manager and home care coordinator Offaly); Mary Bolger (Home care Coordinator Wicklow and Kildare); Anne Munnely (CE Supervisor Laois); Maria Boland (Daycare Manager Kildare); Iris Buchannan (Volunteer Coordinator).



### LONGFORD

Concert organised by Kathryn Keenan & Eileen Cooney held in the Rustic Inn Abbeyshrule Longford for the Longford branch of the ASI.

It was a fantastic night and the amount raised came to €5,192.23



## NEW COMMUNICATIONS TEAM FOR ASI

We'd like to introduce our new communications team Cormac Cahill and Lisa Gernon. If you have any queries or would like to discuss promoting the services in your county please contact them at:

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Cormac Cahill



Lisa Gernon

## TEA DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

The draw for our Tea Day Raffle took place on Friday 26th May. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Here are the prizes and the lucky winners;

### 1st Prize

**Sheen Falls Lodge Winner:**  
Patricia O'Doherty, Dublin

### 2nd Prize:

**The Shelbourne Hotel Afternoon Tea Winner:**  
Joe Glackin, Cavan

### 3rd Prize:

**Town & Country Hampers Winner:**  
Breda Dowling, Wexford

All of the winners have been notified.

A BIG Thank You to everyone who supported our Tea Day 2017 Raffle and a special thanks to prize partners, Sheen Falls Country Club, The Shelbourne Hotel and Town & Country Hampers.



Pictured above ASI Head of Operations Miriam Enright pulling the winning tickets.

If you have any queries or would like to submit a piece for The Voice please email - [thevoice@alzheimer.ie](mailto:thevoice@alzheimer.ie)

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