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Charity faces €1m hit after cancelling tea day

THE Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) has postponed its biggest annual tea day because of Covid-19.

It fears it could lose €1m in vital funds, but felt it had no choice but to cancel the fundraiser for the safety of its volunteers and people with Alzheimer's disease.

It has become the latest charity to call off a fundraiser, after the <u>Irish</u> Cancer Society was forced to cancel its annual Daffodil Day for the same reasons.

The tea day was due to take place in every town in Ireland on May 7.

Vital ASI supports such as social clubs, Alzheimer cafes and support groups are all postponed until further

"Today, we should all be preparing for the Alzheimer's Tea Day, our biggest and most important fundraising event of the year," said ASI chief executive Pat McLoughlin.

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"However, the Covid-19 health crisis means that has now been postponed and the vital funds it raises have been lost, so we are asking for your help to continue to support people with dementia and their families and carers."

Donations can be made on www.alzheimer.ie