



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of your ASI Research Newsletter. Below you will find information relating to our new Research Team, an update on our Dementia Research Advisory Team, an overview of the launch of our new TeamUp for Dementia Research service and some highlights of upcoming events.

## Meet the Research Team



**Dr. Laura O'Philbin**

Interim Research & Policy Manager

Laura has a PhD from the Dementia Services Development Centre Wales and brings her distinguished experience to leading the new Research & Policy team at the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

She can be contacted [here](#)

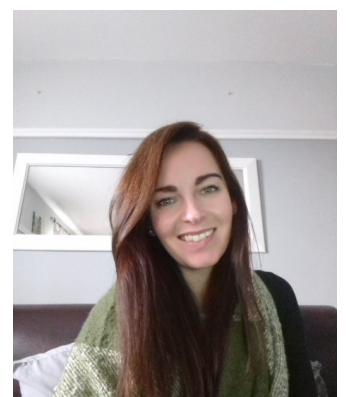


**Dr. Diane O'Doherty**

Research Officer

Diane is responsible for supporting internal and external research and policy activities. She has a PhD in the area of public health and has engaged with health research over the last several years.

She can be contacted [here](#)



**Cíara O'Reilly**

Research Project Officer

Cíara will be working closely with the members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team. She will also be the point of contact for all queries relating to our new TeamUp for Dementia Research service.

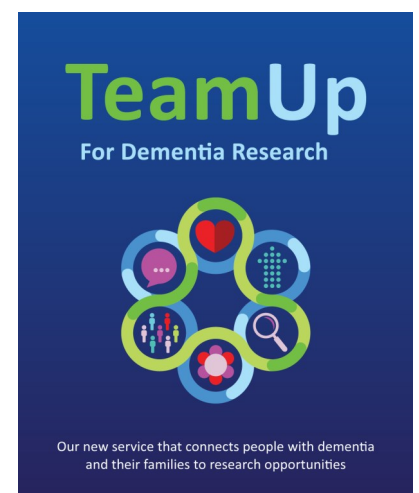
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## TeamUp for Dementia Research

Launched in July 2021, TeamUp for Dementia Research is a new service connecting people with an experience of dementia with research opportunities in the dementia field.

We have been delighted to support projects relating to Pet Robots, Young Onset Dementia, Virtual Reality technology and future care needs for older LGBTQI+ adults.

If you are not already signed up and would like to get some further information, please contact Cíara at [teamup@alzheimer.ie](mailto:teamup@alzheimer.ie) or click on the sign up button [here](#).



## A Word from our Dementia Research Advisory Team Members



We were delighted to meet with the members of our [Dementia Research Advisory Team](#) and present them with the exciting new engagement opportunities available to them. From reviewing research applications to writing Blog posts to Running their own Research Project, it will be a busy few months!

The Dementia Research Advisory Team is a group of people living with dementia and carers/supporters who are involved in dementia-research as co-researchers. These Experts by Experience influence, advise, and work with researchers across Ireland.

If you are a person living with dementia or a family carer / supporter who would like to learn more about joining the Dementia Research Advisory Team, please get in touch with Cíara on 085 8709671 or email [ciara.oreilly@alzheimer.ie](mailto:ciara.oreilly@alzheimer.ie)

### Upcoming events

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is delighted to announce that Interim Research and Policy Manager **Dr. Laura O'Phelan** will be presenting at the 31st Annual Conference of Alzheimer Europe in November. She will be speaking on the powerful findings of our **A Year of Caring & Coping with Dementia in COVID-19** Report.



Dementia Research Advisory Team member and author **Kevin Quaid** will also be one of the Key Note Speakers at the conference. What an amazing achievement, well done Kevin!