

ASI Research Roundup

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the second Research Roundup of 2021. We are excited to tell you about a new research initiative coming to The Alzheimer Society of Ireland - TeamUp For Dementia Research.

Register for TeamUp For Dementia Research

TeamUp For Dementia Research is a brand new service from The ASI Research Team that will help people living with dementia and their families find and take part in dementia-related research projects across Ireland.

Research is essential to help understand what causes dementia, develop effective treatments, improve care, create new interventions and even one day find a cure.

The goals of TeamUp For Dementia Research are:

- To make research participation is more accessible to people living with dementia and their families.
- To improve dementia research in Ireland.
- To ensure that people living with dementia and their families have their voices heard in research.

If you wish to learn more about TeamUp For Dementia Research visit www.teamupfordementia.ie



Click [HERE](#) to register

Benefits of Taking Part in Research

Taking part in research not only helps others, but it can have benefits for you too. Many people find being involved in research a rewarding and enjoyable experience that is of benefit to them. By signing up to TeamUp For Dementia Research, you increase your chances of taking part in ethically approved dementia research that may benefit you and others in the future.



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Supporting Research

Last year, The ASI endorsed three applications for the Irish Research Council's New Foundations Scheme. We were delighted that all applicants were successful and look forward to working on these important projects. Congratulations to all.

Dr Sinéad Hynes (NUIG) and Daithi C from the Dementia Research Advisory Team were awarded €12,000 for her project focused on diversifying dementia service delivery in Ireland. A key outcome of this project will be the development of recommendations for the future needs of older LGBTQI+ adults with dementia.

Dr Orla Dolan (NUIG) was awarded €12,000 to evaluate the outcomes of Virtual Cognitive Stimulation Therapy in clinical settings in Ireland.

Prof Iracema Leroi (TCD) was also awarded €12,000 to investigate COVID19-related loneliness and social isolation in carers of people with brain health challenges in Ireland. This project will be completed in partnership with Family Carers Ireland.



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Maynooth University and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland need your help!

In Ireland, many people with dementia move to nursing home care. This is a significant event for both the person with dementia and their partner. If you are the partner of someone who has moved into a nursing home, we would like to talk to you about your experiences. We want to understand how the move may have impacted you at the time and over subsequent months. By understanding this experience, we hope to identify ways that people can be supported, particularly with regard to the loneliness that this move may bring.

If you:

- have had a spouse or partner with dementia move to a nursing home in the past 1-5 years,
- are willing to chat to us (via videoconferencing, or on the phone) about your experiences, particularly when it comes to loneliness,

Please either email us at:

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Or call/text Eimile at: 089 412 4099