



Dear Alzheimers,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter of 2022!

We at the Research & Policy team have been busy since January planning for our new Research Strategy that will be published in the very near future.

Check out what else we have been up to below and some upcoming events.

National Brain Health Awareness Week 14-20th March



March 14-20th marks National Brain Health Awareness Week 2022. The theme for this year is *"Together We Are Stronger: Promoting the Value of Teams, Partnerships and Collaborations in Neurological Care and Research"*. The ASI is a proud brain partner with the Neurological Alliance of Ireland.

In conjunction with many of the national events taking place across the country, there will be a debate on brain health in the Seanad on March 9th.

You can watch the debate on Oireachtas tv online or [here](#) (time TBC) on March 9th. We will be sharing more details about the event on our social media in the coming days.

Dementia & Brain Health Briefing March 8th

The ASI is attending a Brain Health and Dementia Briefing hosted by The All Party Oireachtas Group on Dementia ahead of this debate in the Seanad. The Research Team has been working with our colleagues in Advocacy on this highly anticipated event.

Speakers at this briefing will include:

- Senator Fiona O'Loughlin (Chair of the APOGD)
- Prof Iracema Leroi (GBHI)
- Prof Mary McCarron (TCD)
- Kevin Quaid (Chair IDWG)
- Prof Sean Kennelly (TCD/TUH)
- Samantha Taylor (ASI)

Also you can encourage your local representative to attend by filling in a form [here](#). This event will inform our public representatives about Brain Health and outline how policy makers and experts can work together to spread awareness.

New Research Blog!



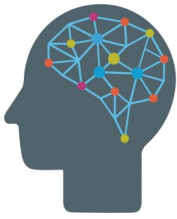
The Research Team has been hard at work in the new year developing a Research Blog.

This blog will highlight some of our members' experiences, recognise some of the work being done by Early Career and Established Researchers, with some research specific topics too. We will dive into hot topics, shining a light on upcoming research and addressing some of the challenges and pitfalls in research.

Our first blog highlights Brenda, a member of the Dementia Research Advisory Team member and the reasons why she joined the team. You can read it [here](#).

Upcoming Events

TeamUp for Dementia Research's 1st Birthday



DEMENTIA RESEARCH NETWORK IRELAND

Prevention, Cure & Care for Neurodegenerative Diseases

TeamUp
For Dementia Research



In collaboration with the DRNI, The ASI launched its service, TeamUp for Dementia Research, in July 2021. TeamUp for Dementia Research connects people living with dementia and their families with researchers who are conducting studies in the area of dementia (e.g. prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, cure).

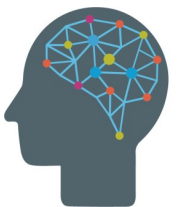
TeamUp for Dementia Research is a service that streamlines this recruitment process, saving you as Researchers, money and valuable time. We can offer your projects to our diverse pool of participants and match you with relevant TeamUp members. By working together, we can help improve the overall quality of dementia research in Ireland.

Hear from Aishling Flynn, a researcher who has used the TeamUp for Dementia Research Service [here](#).

We will celebrate one year of TeamUp for Dementia Research this July - watch this space!

If you would like to learn more please visit teamupfordementia.ie or contact Cíara at teamup@alzheimer.ie.

DRNI & 'Hot Topics in Dementia Research'



DEMENTIA RESEARCH NETWORK IRELAND

Prevention, Cure & Care for Neurodegenerative Diseases

Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI) are currently hosting a webinar series on 'Hot Topics in Dementia Research'. Details of upcoming webinars in the series include:

- Parkinson's Disease Dementia (Wednesday 23rd March 11-12pm)
- Female Sex as a Risk Factor for Dementia (Monday 25th April 11-12pm)
- TeamUp For Dementia Research (May 2022 - date TBC)

For more details and to register for these free webinars, click [here](#).

To watch back previous webinars, visit the DRNI YouTube channel [here](#).

Copies of speaker presentations from the series can be found on the DRNI website [here](#).

PPI Ignite Network Events



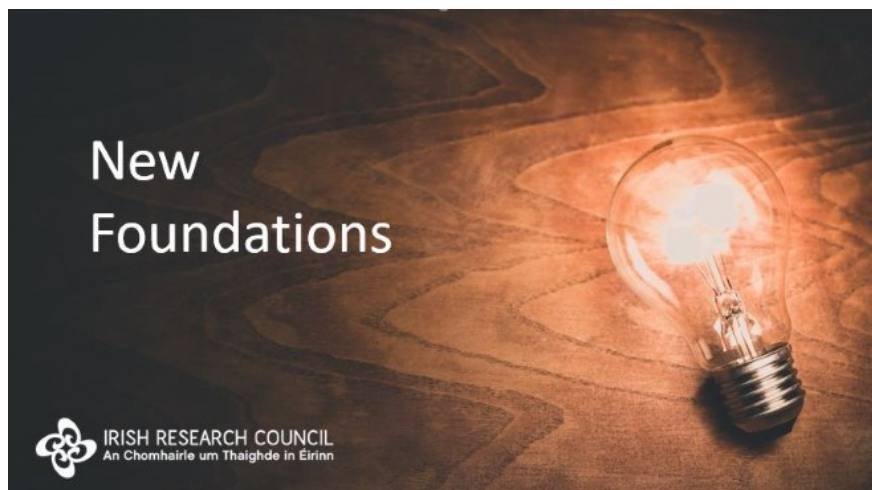
March 10th at 1pm: Webinar - Let patients be your guide: optimizing trial design with participant input before, during, and after your study
Hosts: Dr. Paul Wicks & Dr. Noah Goodson

Click [here](#) to register for this event.

March 11th at 11am: PPI Workshop - Collaborative data analysis & interpretation
Facilitators: Prof Anne MacFarlane & Prof Ailish Hannigan

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

Irish Research Council: New Foundations Scheme



We have been lucky over the last few years to collaborate and support a number of researchers under the New Foundations Scheme.

We will soon be looking for new research partners for this scheme so watch this space!

For more information on the New Foundations Scheme, please click [here](#).

And last, but certainly not means least, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to contribute to our Research Strategy Development survey and follow-up consultations.

We will publish our Research Strategy in the coming weeks which will be available on our website.