

## ASI Research

### End of Year Roundup



# THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of IRELAND

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2022!

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to those who are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa a happy one and those who might celebrate in other ways a joyous one.



## Research Roundup

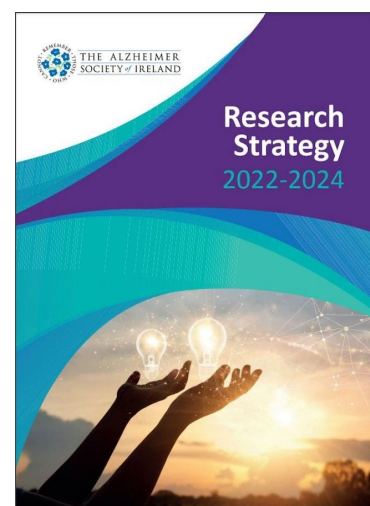
### Spring / Summer Highlights

Research Strategy 2022-2024 officially launched: Our 2022-2024 Research Strategy was launched at the start of June and sets out the priorities, objectives and actions that will guide our work over the next two years.

Over the next two years we will:

Support the development of essential research infrastructure in Ireland to assert research readiness and prepare for current and future developments in the field.

Develop and support quality dementia research that is in line with The ASI's mission and values and is important to our communities of people living with dementia, family carers / supporters, staff and branches.



**Dementia & Brain Health Briefing in the Dáil:** The ASI was involved in a Brain Health and Dementia briefing in the AV Room of Leinster House in March, hosted by The All Party Oireachtas Group on Dementia. We heard from colleagues across the organisation, advocates and clinicians and academics on the importance of brain health.



## TeamUp for Dementia Research Turns 1!



Team Up for Dementia Research (TUDR) celebrated its first anniversary on July 12th. TUDR is an Alzheimer Society of Ireland (The ASI) service connecting people with an experience of dementia with opportunities to take part in ethically approved research in Ireland.

In 2022, The ASI was delighted to offer our members more than 25 different opportunities from various institutions and organisations across Ireland.

Anyone who would like to become involved with TUDR can find more information on our website.

## Autumn / Winter Highlights

**ASI's Pre Budget Submission 2023:** The Alzheimer Society of Ireland launched our Pre Budget Submission in July and over the summer into Autumn we were busy continuing to share our message that "Dementia Can't Wait".

One of our asks this year is for €1 million for dementia-specific research funding. As many of us in the research community are aware, dementia research continues to be poorly funded relative to its importance, and the detrimental impact of the disease at both an individual and societal level.



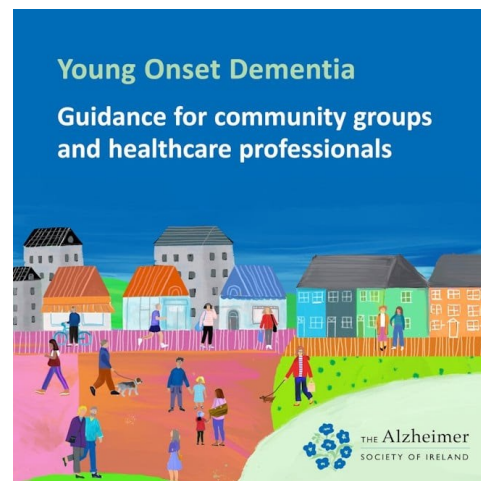
**Postgraduate Research Bursaries:** We launched our first postgraduate research bursary scheme which sought to support early career researchers with a bursary up to the value of €2500. Thank you to all who submitted applications. We had four successful applicants who will be revealed in January.



**Young Onset Dementia Research:** In late In September 2022, The ASI published a report and guidance for community groups and healthcare professionals on the topic of young onset dementia.

This work was carried out by a team of researchers (Drs Caroline Kilty, Siobhan Fox and Catriona Curtin) to develop guidelines on how dementia service providers and community groups can support people you younger onset dementia (YOD) living in their communities.

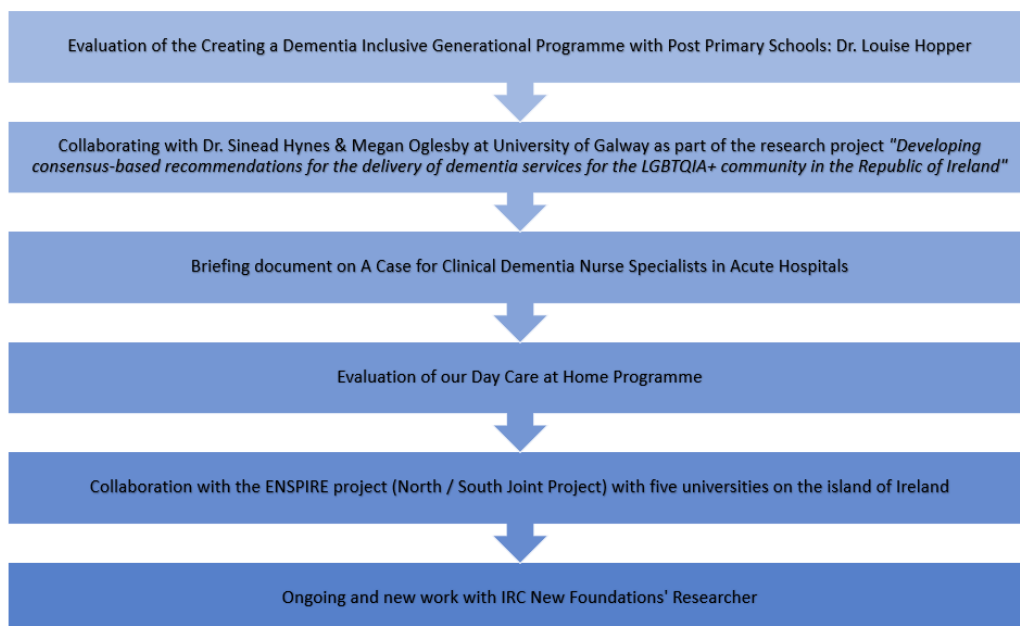
The project was wrapped up in late summer with team presenting their findings to ASI staff in October. Links for this guidance document and report can be found on our website.



## Funding & Collaborations

We were delighted to be able to fund a number of projects this year, and continue work in collaboration with researchers on the IRC's New Foundations programme. We partnered with universities and organisations to strengthen the work that we do collectively and produce high quality, dementia research.

A number of these include:



We worked with our Research Review Committee to undertake scoring of some of these applications. We would like to thank both our Professional and Public Reviewers for taking the time this year to support us in this work.

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#TeamASI was busy this year attending Alzheimer's Disease International Conference, Alzheimer Europe Conference and Engaging Dementia Conference in 2022!



We were well represented across the board, from both members of ASI staff, advocates, and members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team.

There were in-person presentations and posters, as well as virtual posters and presentations across all conferences.



## And finally...

We would like to wish all our extended research collaborators and partners a very Happy New Year!

We hope to continue to engage and work together in 2023!