

# ASI Research Update

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter of 2023!

We at the Research & Policy team have been working hard this year so far with funding schemes and our first Research Event in collaboration with Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI) which took place the end of February.

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

## ASI Research Exchange Seminar 22nd February 2023

The ASI & DRNI recently co-hosted a research knowledge exchange seminar which brought together early career researchers, clinicians, family carers and people living with dementia.



We had a stellar line up of speakers, with the morning coming to a close with small discussion group sessions exploring the barriers and solutions for putting research into practice for impact.

Thank you to all who attended, who presented and who took the time to share your experiences!

We were able to co-host this event with thanks to the Health Research Board Events and Conferences Sponsorship Scheme.

## ASI Research Bursaries 2022

Last year we were delighted to be able to support four researchers as part of our Research Bursaries Scheme 2022/2023.

### Traditional Dissemination Bursary Awardees

- Aisling Flynn - University of Galway

*Project title: "Exploring the design of a virtual reality social connecting space for older adults living with dementia"*

- Wei Qi Koh - University of Galway

*Project Title: "Implementation of pet robots for people with dementia in long-term care facilities"*

Wei has utilised funding to publish findings from her doctoral work. Her article "The ethics of pet robots in dementia care settings: Care professionals' and organisational leaders' ethical intuitions" can be read online.

### Creative Bursary Awardee

- Lisa Kelly - University of Limerick

*Project Title: "An Exploration of the Potential Benefits and Feasibility of Providing Telehealth Music Therapy with Community Dwelling People Living with Dementia and their Family Caregivers"*



Lisa Kelly in collaboration with members of the Dementia Research Advisory Team and musician Carl Corcoran launched their song "We will tell everyone" at the University of Limerick on March 29th 2023.

We were delighted to be in attendance and to be able to support this event via the Creative Dissemination Bursary awarded to Lisa Kelly.

### Person Public Involvement Bursary Awardee

- Qiuxia Li - University of Galway

*Project Title: "Developing an online intervention for caregivers of people with dementia"*

## Dementia research in Ireland: What should we prioritise?

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In 2018, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland and Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI) collaborated on a consensus forum addressing research priorities in Ireland, along with multiple stakeholders.

Following the development of a Steering Group and further data collection from research professionals and people living with dementia and family carers, a list of priorities were devised. This recently published article describes this process in full from inception to creation and consensus on priorities.

## Upcoming events

### Launch of Irish Research Council's New Foundations Scheme



We have been lucky over the last few years to collaborate and support a number of researchers under the Irish Research Council's 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 check out the Irish Research Council's website!