

# Research & Policy

## Autumn News Bulletin

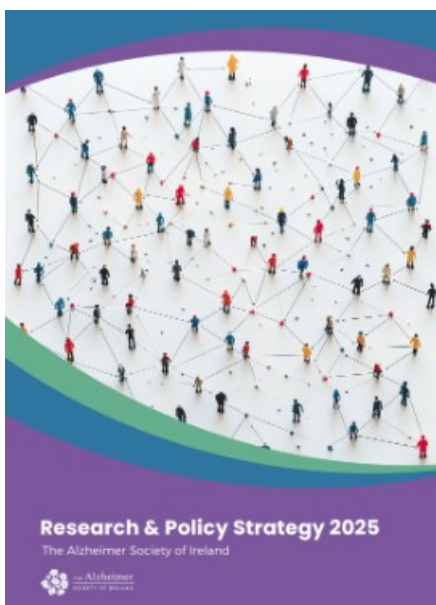


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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our Autumn news bulletin. It has been an incredibly busy few months for the Research & Policy team with events, funding schemes and announcements! As we step into September, we're excited to celebrate World Alzheimer's Month. We invite you to read through the latest insights and updates below.

### The ASI's New Research & Policy Strategy



In July we officially published our new Research & Policy Strategy 2025.

This new strategy sets out the objectives and actions that will guide our research activities over the coming years. It is designed to sharpen our focus – ensuring we maximise impact and drive meaningful change in the midst of a transformative period in dementia research.

We have six key objectives that will drive our work over the coming years:

- Produce & Support High Quality Research
- Drive Research Investment
- Grow and Build Capacity for Public Understanding of Research
- Drive Policy Change
- Demonstrate Excellence and Leadership in Public & Patient Involvement (PPI)
- Provide Research Participation and Recruitment through The ASI's TeamUp for Dementia Research Service

### Research Opportunity: Deadline for EOI Phase HRCI-HRB Joint Funding Scheme



Are you a dementia researcher?

We want to hear from you!

Our Expression of Interest stage for the HRCI-HRB Joint Funding Scheme 2025/2026 closes on September 12<sup>th</sup>!



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is now accepting Expression of Interest (EOI) applications for the Health Research Charities Ireland-Health Research Board Joint Funding Scheme 2025/2026. We are proud to participate in such an invaluable scheme with a strong focus on health research in Ireland.

We will prioritise applications that are in line with our mission and vision and focused on improving outcomes for people living with dementia and/or their families. Research must provide knowledge and/or tangible outputs that can enhance The ASI's ability to support people living with dementia and/or their families.

Deadline for Expression of Interests: 12th September 2025

## ASI Staff & Dementia Research Advisory Team members attend Walking the Talk for Dementia



ASI Research Projects Officer, Cíara O'Reilly, and Dementia Research Advisory Team members Ruth and Kevin (joined by his husband Tom) took part in Walking the Talk for Dementia Camino in August.

Alongside the picturesque walk, the team took part in the annual symposium which culminated the event. They were also joined by

Research & Policy Manager, Dr. Laura O' Philbin.

We look forward to sharing with you more photos and testimonials in due course!

*Photo credit: João Barbosa*

## Research Opportunity—Frontiers in Dementia Special Edition

Dr Laura O'Philbin, Research & Policy Manager at The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, is co-editing a special research topic in the academic journal Frontiers. This special issue will be focused on innovations in dementia services and policies.

Currently accepting abstracts until 15th October 2025. :

Please see link for more information on scope, themes and abstract submission: [www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/72073/innovations-in-dementia-policies-and-services](http://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/72073/innovations-in-dementia-policies-and-services)

## Upcoming Events

### Alzheimer Europe Conference 2025

We look forward to attending this year's Alzheimer Europe Conference taking place in October!

Late registrations are open until 21st September and last minute registrations are open 22nd September to 8th October.

Date: 6-8th October 2025, Place: Bologna, Italy

We look forward to seeing some of you at the conference in Italy!

## DRATGONS's Den—PPI Knowledge Exchange Event



The poster is for the 'DRATgons' Den' event, a PPI Knowledge Exchange Event. It features a teal background. In the top left corner is the HRB logo with the text 'An Bord Teaghlach Sláinte'. In the top right corner is the logo for 'THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND', which includes a stylized flower icon. The event title 'DRATgons' Den' is prominently displayed in white. Below the title, the date 'Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025' is shown next to a calendar icon, the time '09.30 - 15.30' next to a clock icon, and the location 'Salesforce Tower, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1' next to a location pin icon. A list of three bullet points describes the event's activities. On the right side of the poster is a black and white photograph of two men standing outdoors in front of a large, leafy plant.

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# DRATgons' Den

 **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

 **09.30 - 15.30**

 **Salesforce Tower, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1**

- Watch a masterclass in PPI and science communication,
- Learn what funders and stakeholders value, and
- Be inspired by how projects outside your field are framed and challenged

In a unique, one-off event, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's dedicated PPI panel, the Dementia Research Advisory Team, are hosting a fun and interactive knowledge exchange platform for Early Career Researchers; DRATgons' Den. This dynamic showcase is an opportunity for ECRs to demonstrate their research and communication skills to an audience of peers & experts, competing for a funding prize of €3,000.

We are now offering a limited number of guest attendee places!

If you would like to:

- watch a masterclass in PPI and science communication,
- understand what funders and stakeholders value, and
- be inspired by how projects outside your field are framed and challenged

**Please email [ciara.oreilly@alzheimer.ie](mailto:ciara.oreilly@alzheimer.ie) with "DRATgons' Den guest attendee place" in the subject bar.**

Please note, you must be able to attend at the above date and time as this is a catered, in-person event. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.