

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

BRAIN HEALTH & DEMENTIA: UNDERSTANDING & CONNECTION

Over 200 people attended the public research event hosted by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in collaboration with the Dementia Research Network Ireland. The event was held at the Civic Theatre in Tallaght on the 25th February, 2026 and brought together people with dementia, carers, health and social care professionals and interested members of the general public. The event was fully booked several weeks in advance, and participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Overall Experience



- **84% - Excellent**
- **16% - Very good**
- **100% - Would Recommend**

Motivation for Attending



- Learning how to protect brain health
- Understanding dementia
- Learning about available services

Specific Aspects of the Events

95-100% of respondents rated each of the following aspects as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good':



Relevance of Presentations



Information on Available Services



Timings & Duration



Venue & Accessibility



Clarity & Accessibility of Speakers

Most Valuable Aspects for Participants

'It was a perfect balance of information, research and lived experience'

'Networking'

'The artist and the paper!! Fantastic'

'Understanding the value of knowing and acting early on the risk factors'

'I thought Kathleen's input was powerful'

'The engagement and inclusiveness of the day was tangible. Everyone left with a feeling of hope.'

'The variation of topics and speakers - amazing!'

'Very relaxed and welcoming'

Suggested Improvements

- More breaks
- Slightly shorter presentations to allow more discussion.
- More speakers with lived experience.
- Similar events in every county

Where Participants Had Heard about Event

- ASI/DRNI Channels
- Civic website Café Memoir Tallaght
- Local Tallaght Echo newspaper / radio
- Colleagues/ friends

The ASI and DRNI wish to sincerely thank the sponsor of this event, the Health Research Board (HRB).