

ASI Research Newsletter: Summer 2026

Dear @FIRSTNAME@,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2026! The Research & Policy team has a number of exciting updates and opportunities in this issue. We have reached hundreds of people living with dementia and their carers since the launch of our flagship ***Experience of Dementia Survey 2026***, and are working hard to increase our reach in the community! We will also highlight an exciting upcoming research event coming to Dublin, and our highly anticipated DRATgons' Den competition for early career researchers! To learn more details, and to meet the research team's newest members, keep reading!

The Experience of Dementia Survey 2026



The banner features a photograph of three people (two men and one woman) engaged in conversation. The Alzheimer Society of Ireland logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA IN IRELAND 2026 SURVEY' is in large blue letters. Below it, text explains the survey's purpose and who should participate. At the bottom, there are three icons: a QR code, a phone, and an envelope, each with a corresponding action. Two QR codes are also present at the very bottom, one for 'People living with dementia' and one for 'Family carers & supporters'. The website 'www.alzheimer.ie' is in the center, and the survey closing date 'Survey Closes July 2026' is at the bottom center.

THE Alzheimer
SOCIETY OF IRELAND

EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA IN IRELAND 2026 SURVEY

Every 3 years, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland seeks your insights on what it is like to be affected by dementia in Ireland. Please tell us what life with dementia is like in 2026.

Who should take part?

- People living with dementia
- Family carers and supporters of people living with dementia

Sharing your experience will shape our advocacy, research, and policy work and will inform the development of future services.

Complete the Experience of Dementia Survey today!

 Scan the QR Code Below

 Phone
1-800-341-341

 Request a Paper Copy

 People living with dementia

www.alzheimer.ie

Family carers & supporters



Survey Closes July 2026

The Alzheimer Society is delighted to share more information about our flagship ***Experience of Dementia Survey 2026***!

In 2023, we saw a large number of people across Ireland contribute. The insights gathered have been instrumental in informing services, supports, and advocacy, and have been widely cited in research publications.

Since its launch, our 2026 survey has reached hundreds of carers and people living with dementia across Ireland, and we hope to capture the experiences of many more.

We remain keen to partner with clinicians, researchers, and anyone in contact with people with dementia and or their carers to reach as large and diverse a population as possible. In particular, we continue to seek responses from individuals in small or rural areas. We encourage our partners from all counties to share the survey with your network and community groups to help us ensure ***all*** of Ireland's voices are heard.

Please contact survey@alzheimer.ie if you would like more information, or would like to receive flyers or hard-copy versions of the survey for people with dementia and their carers in your network, community or support groups.

Click here for more information and to access the survey

Early Bird Registration Closes Tomorrow!

The poster for the 36th Alzheimer Europe Conference features a blue background with a white circular graphic on the left. The text is white and yellow. It includes the conference title, theme, dates, location, a photo of the Dublin skyline, and contact information.

36th Alzheimer Europe Conference
Sláinte: Building momentum in dementia through policy, research and partnership
27 - 29 OCT 2026
DUBLIN, IRELAND

Join healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers and advocates to explore advances in dementia care, research and policy. Connect, contribute and drive progress! **#36AEC**

www.alzheimer-europe.org/conferences

The excitement is definitely building up as Ireland prepares to host the 36th Alzheimer Europe Conference in October!

Congratulations to all researchers whose abstracts were accepted! We look forward to hearing about your fantastic work at the conference.

We are incredibly excited for all in store at this event and encourage everyone to register before the 30th of June for the Early Bird Rate.

***Early Bird Registration ends on 30 June 2026.
Take advantage of the Early Bird Rate and Register today by clicking [here](#)!***

Congratulations to ASI Bursary Winners!

As part of our research strategy to strengthen investment in dementia research, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland launched five Early Career Researcher bursaries for registration for the 36th Alzheimer Europe Conference.

We are delighted to announce the recipients of the 2026 Alzheimer Europe Conference Early Career Researcher Bursaries:

- **Emma Whooley** | Trinity College Dublin

- **Edel Carey** | Trinity College Dublin
- **Vamsi Krishna Boyanagari** | University of Galway
- **Heather Eames** | Trinity College Dublin
- **Jasmine Joseph** | Institute of Memory & Cognition, Tallaght University Hospital

We look forward to their presentations at the conference!

Save the Date: DRATgons' Den 2026!



Following the overwhelming success of our inaugural DRATgons' Den last year, we are delighted to announce that DRATgons' Den 2026 is on its way!

Hosted by the Dementia Research Advisory Team (DRAT), The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's dedicated Person Public Involvement (PPI) panel, DRATgons' Den is a PPI-led, knowledge exchange seminar offering a unique opportunity for Early Career Researchers to pitch their dementia-related projects to a panel of friendly “dragons” for a chance to win a €3,000 funding prize!

Inspired by the TV show Dragons’ Den, this interactive event gives early career researchers the chance to:

- Pitch their work to a panel of expert PPI Contributors
- Receive meaningful feedback from lived experience experts
- Connect with peers and experienced academics
- Showcase their work in a dynamic, inclusive space
- Compete for a €3000 funding pot to support their research!

Mark your calendars - the call for abstracts opens 1st September 2026.

Do not miss out on this inspiring day of ideas, feedback, and connection.

This event is made possible with thanks to the Health Research Board (HRB) Conference and Event Sponsorship Scheme 2026.



Together with the CEO and Advocacy Manager, some members of the research team at the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) were delighted to attend the inaugural Chuck Feeney Lecture. This was hosted by the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) at Trinity College Dublin to mark a decade of GBHI's impact.

It was a privilege to hear reflections from former President Mary Robinson, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, GBHI fellows, faculty, and founding members on Chuck Feeney's remarkable vision and generosity. Their insights highlighted the profound and lasting impact of his philanthropy in Ireland and around the world, particularly in advancing education, research, global brain health, and social change.

We extend our sincere thanks to the team at the Global Brain Health Institute for the invitation.

Research Team Interns

We are pleased to welcome Lily Dunn and Finn Hartman to the research team this summer!

Lily and Finn are undergraduate neuroscience students with a shared passion for brain health and a strong interest in leveraging research and policy to make a positive impact. Lily attends Boston University, and Finn studies at the University of Virginia.



It's a busy summer for the team, and we're grateful for their amazing support. We look forward to working with Lily and Finn through the end of July and wish them the very best in their future endeavours!

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