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Conference 2021

Opportunity out of Adversity

4th – 6th October 2021

13th International Dementia Conference Draft Programme

The **Annual International Dementia Conference** is the biggest dementia event in Ireland and this year it will take place **online** (Zoom) **from the 4th - 6th of October 2021**.

The theme of the **13th International Dementia Conference** is “**Opportunity out of Adversity**” and the event will feature insightful and educational presentations delivered by Irish and International speakers, engaging panel discussions and interactive sessions.

The conference will cover the multiple facets of dementia, focusing not only on the **research** and on the **medical aspect** of the disease, but also on the importance of **community support** and **living well with dementia**.

We will talk about the **impact of the Covid pandemic on people living with dementia and their carers, both at home and in nursing homes**, and about **new models of care** which have been and are being developed.

We will look at the **met and unmet needs of people living with dementia and their families**, and most importantly we will **listen to** their **experiences and points of view**.

The 13th International Dementia Conference is addressed to anybody who experiences dementia at work or in their personal life and it's a fantastic way to get together (even though remotely) and spread awareness on how to contribute to a dementia inclusive society.

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Draft Programme - Overview Monday, 4th October

<p>9.00am-10.15am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address: Kim Tully, CEO, Engaging Dementia • Helen Rochford Brennan, Former Chair of the European Working Group of people living with dementia, Title to be confirmed • Prof Eamon O’Shea, Director of the National Centre for Social Research on Dementia, NUI Galway, The Future of long-term Dementia Care in Ireland (Title to be announced) 	<p>1.50pm-2.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2: Meeting the need of people with Young Onset Dementia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Siobhán Fox, Lecturer in Postgraduate Studies in Dementia Centre for Gerontology and Rehabilitation, School of Medicine, UCC, Title to be announced • Cathal Blake, PhD Research Student, DCU, The challenges in getting a timely diagnosis, adjusting to the diagnosis and the impact on people and their families • Members of the Irish Dementia Working Group, Lived experiences of Young Onset Dementia
<p>10.15am-12.50am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1: The Future of long-term Dementia Care in Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura O’ Philbin PhD, Interim Research & Policy Manager, Alzheimer Society of Ireland, A Year of Caring & Coping with Dementia in COVID-19 • Sarah Lennon, Executive Director, Sage Advocacy, Towards a Continuum of Support and Care for Older People • Tadgh Daly, Chief Executive Director, Nursing Home Ireland, Title to be announced • Dr Emer Begley, Acting General Manager, National Dementia Office, National Dementia Office new model of care: key principles and approaches • Sarah Kuntz and Sinoy Allyboccus. St Joseph Shankill, St Joseph Shankill model of care 	<p>2.30pm-2.50pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameron Camp, Director of Research, Center for Applied Research in Dementia, Montessori model for dementia: what’s new and where we are heading
<p>12.50pm-1.50pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break</p>	<p>3.10pm-5.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">***Interactive Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gaiety School of Acting, The National Theatre School of Ireland Using Drama and Storytelling in Dementia Care, Story2Remember project • St Joseph Shankill, Person Centred Dementia Care Team, The Wellness Experience • Joyce Fitzpatrick, Nature Therapist, Opportunity out of Adversity
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<p>Sarah Lennon, Executive Director, Sage Advocacy</p>	<p>Towards a Continuum of Support and Care for Older People</p>	
<p>Tadgh Daly, Chief Executive Director, Nursing Home Ireland,</p>	<p>Title to be announced</p>	
<p>Dr Emer Begley, Acting General Manager, National Dementia Office</p>	<p>National Dementia Office new model of care: key principles and approaches</p>	
<p>Sarah Kuntz and Sinoy Allyboccus, CNM2, St Joseph Shankill</p>	<p>St Joseph Shankill model of care The aim of this presentation is to show how we transformed form a traditional style, medical model nursing home into six new homes for people living with dementia.</p>	
<p>Panel Discussion with morning speakers: The Future of long-term Dementia Care in Ireland</p>		

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Draft Programme - Overview Tuesday, 5th October

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10.50am-11.10am	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4: Engaging staff in person centred dementia care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth O'Donnell, Doctoral Researcher, Lancaster University, Supporting care home residents with responsive behaviours 	1.30pm-3.00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion – Dementia Inclusive Communities (Panellists to be announced)</p>
11.20am-12.00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5: Improving dementia pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Róisín McCormack and Rachel Collins, Senior Occupational Therapists, St Vincent's University Hospital, Occupational Therapy Delirium Pathway • Suzanna Dooley, Clinical Specialist Speech & Language Therapist in Dementia, HSE/TCD, Profiling Communication Ability in Dementia (P-CAD): Validation of a Functional Cognitive-Communication Assessment 	3.15pm-4.00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion – National Dementia Modifiable Treatment - Drug Therapies</p>
		4.00pm-5.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Suzanne Timmons, FRCPI Programme Director, MSc in Dementia & MSc in Older Person Rehabilitation Centre for Gerontology and Rehabilitation, St. Finbarr's Hospital Consultant Geriatrician & Clinical Lead for the HSE National Dementia Office • Dr Seán O'Dowd, Consultant Neurologist, Tallaght University Hospital • Prof Iracema Leroi, Associate Professor/Consultant, Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin
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<p>Elaine Byrne, Services Manager, and Ann Bolger, PCDC Lead, St Joseph Shankill</p>	<p align="center">Supporting nursing home carers through communication and technology (title to be confirmed)</p> <p>To ensure carers / staff and volunteers were getting the best support and access to information, the team at Saint Joseph’s Shankill developed a project called <i>Feelings First</i> and an app for staff support care.</p>	
<p>Carmel Geoghegan, Founder, Dementia Ireland, Family Carer</p>	<p align="center">Lived experience of a Family Carer (Title to be confirmed)</p>	
<p>Judy Williams, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Philip Connaughton, Dance Artist</p>	<p align="center">Yes, But do you care?</p> <p>This artwork creatively re-imagines the lived stories of family carers and their experiences of dementia care through the lens of the new Irish capacity legislation and explores understandings of autonomy and dependency.</p>	
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<p>Elizabeth O’Donnell, Doctoral Researcher, Lancaster University</p>	<p align="center">Supporting care home residents with responsive behaviours</p> <p>This research was a doctoral study that has just been completed. All data has been collected and analysed and the findings of the research will now be disseminated nationally in Ireland and also internationally.</p>	
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<p>Róisín McCormack and Rachel Collins, Senior Occupational Therapists, St Vincent’s University Hospital</p>	<p align="center">Occupational Therapy Delirium Pathway</p> <p>The 2nd Irish national audit of dementia care (INAD-2) in acute hospitals outlined a particular focus on the prevention detection and reduction of delirium, finding only 19% of patients underwent delirium screening during their admission. This pathway comprised of an algorithm to assist OTs in completing a risk assessment and clinically reasoning the safe and appropriate timing of intervention.</p>	

	<p>Suzanna Dooley, Clinical Specialist Speech & Language Therapist in Dementia, HSE/TCD</p>	<p>Profiling Communication Ability in Dementia (P-CAD): Validation of a Functional Cognitive-Communication Assessment</p> <p>This prospective cross-sectional study examined the concurrent validity of the scale, inter rater reliability and P-CAD sensitivity to detect change in communication ability overtime. One hundred people with dementia and their communication partners were recruited over a 12-month period.</p>
<p>12.00pm-12.50pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>12.50pm-1.30pm</p>	<p>Prof Eilionóir Flynn, Established Professor at the School of Law and Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP)</p>	<p>Self-determination and the right to legal capacity for people with dementia in Ireland</p>
<p>1.30pm-3.00pm</p>	<p>Panel Discussion – Dementia Inclusive Communities</p>	
<p>Emer Begley, Acting General Manager, National Dementia Office</p>	<p>National context, omnibus results</p>	
<p>Fiona Foley, National Co-ordinator, Dementia Understand Together in Communities</p>	<p>Understand Together in Communities Programme</p>	
<p>Tom Grey, Research Fellow, TrinityHaus Research Center, TCD</p>	<p>Inclusivity from a design perspective</p>	
<p>Anne Rizzo, Lead for International Relations, Age Friendly Ireland</p>	<p>Walkability survey</p>	
<p>Fiona Crotty, Programme Manager Tipperary Age Friendly Programme Manager and Co-ordinator, Ballina Killaloe Dementia Cafe, Member Irish Dementia Cafe Network</p>	<p>Example of walkability survey in action</p>	
<p>Lianne McAree Murphy, Health Promotion Officer, Irish Men’s Sheds Association</p>	<p>'Your Shed and Dementia' Manual 2021: Inclusion of pwd into current organisations</p>	
<p>Olga Cleary, Business Manager and Research Lead for Health & Wellbeing SECH, Dementia Alliance Co Wexford</p>	<p>Topic to be announced</p>	
<p>Eibhlis Cahalane, Project Lead, Memory Technology Project, Services for Older People and Palliative Care Strategy Co Kerry</p>	<p>Topic to be announced</p>	

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4.00pm-5.00pm	Poster Presentations	
	Mary Farrelly- Byrne , Senior Speech & Language Therapist, Leopardstown Park Hospital	A person centred approach to standardising food and drink texture in a residential care setting
	Nicola Yau , Volunteer and Community Co-ordinator, St Joseph’s Shankill	Planning, development and implementation of St Joseph’s Shankill Volunteer Programme
	Catherine Mullen , Activities Co-ordinator, St Joseph’s Shankill	The Life on My Lap St Joseph’s Shankill Volunteer Co-ordinator and Activities Co-ordinator delved deep into every resident’s care plan, contacted each family and discovered all about each person living in the Later life lodges. They then matched each ‘thing’ with an image or item to represent those important life events with objects which were small enough to attach to a blanket.
	Nicola Yau , Volunteer and Community Co-ordinator, St Joseph’s Shankill	St Joseph’s Shankill School Ambassador Programme A virtual programme to raise awareness about dementia among Transition Year students.
	Aileen Chui , Acting CNM2, St Joseph’s Shankill	Tackling Covid- 19: Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at St Joseph’s Shankill How St Joseph’s Shankill's IPC practices had proven to counter the resultant detrimental effects of morbidity and mortality.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Professor Seán Kennelly, Consultant Physician in Geriatric and Stroke Medicine, Department of Age-related healthcare, Tallaght University Hospital. Director Tallaght University Hospital Institute of Memory and Cognition, Clinical Associate Professor in Medical Gerontology, Trinity College, University of Dublin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The National Intellectual Disability Memory Service</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Dympna OSullivan, Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, Technological University Dublin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Smart Self Care for Dementia, intelligent computer-based support for people living with dementia</p> <p>Technological University Dublin, Netwell Casala at Dundalk Institute of Technology and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland are working together on an SFI-funded project where the primary objective of the work is to co-design and develop intelligent computer-based support for people affected by dementia. Using a co-design approach, the toolkit will support self-management, empower participation in shared decision-making with relatives and carers and help people remain healthy and independent in their homes for longer.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Francesca Farina, Research Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evaluating a novel mindfulness-based intervention for older adults experiencing high levels of fear about dementia</p> <p>Dementia is the most feared disease associated with aging. Experiencing prolonged, intense fears about dementia is linked to poorer health outcomes and psychological well-being in older adults. As such, there is a need for interventions that can reduce fear and improve well-being.</p>	

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