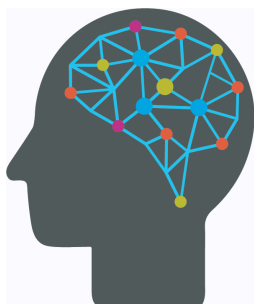


DRNI CONNECT
Issue No. 15 - April 2023



DEMENTIA RESEARCH NETWORK IRELAND

Prevention, Cure & Care for
Neurodegenerative Diseases

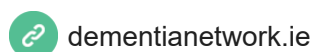
Welcome to the 15th issue of

DRNI CONNECT!

This spring edition of DRNI CONNECT highlights upcoming DRNI events in May: part of the Hot Topics in Dementia Research webinar series, DRNI is hosting one webinar on dementia and dance, and one on dementia and the economics of brain health. You can also read about DRNI's presentations to the Department of Health's Women's Health Task Force, the Irish Dementia Café Network, and find out about a series of roundtable events on clinical-create partnerships, among other things.

As always, we hope you enjoy our newsletter and please get in touch if you have any news, projects or events that you would like to share in future bulletins.

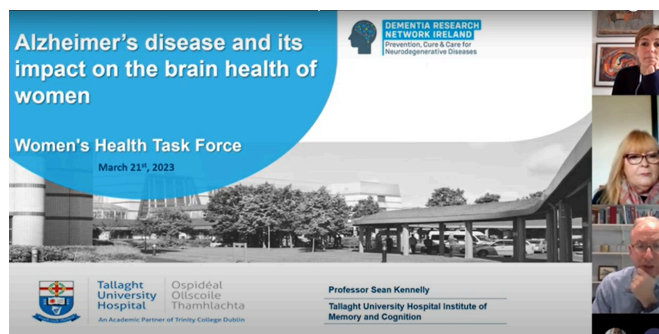
Vanessa Moore PhD
Scientific Project Manager
Dementia Research Network Ireland
mooreva@tcd.ie



CONTENTS:

- 1) DRNI at the Women's Health Task Force
- 2) DRNI upcoming webinars

- 4) Roundtable event: Understanding the Potential of Clinical-Creative Partnerships to Improve Dementia Care
- 5) Researcher in Focus: Nicola Ward
- 6) DRNI website
- 7) Irish Dementia Cafe Network
- 8) Upcoming events



1) DRNI at the Women's Health Task Force

DRNI were given the opportunity to present at a Women's Health Task Force webinar on March 21st. The Women's Health Task Force was established by the Department of Health in 2019 to improve women's health outcomes and experiences of healthcare, and their webinars focus on issues of interest to women's health. DRNI had been asked to present on women and dementia and Professor Sean Kennelly, TUH/TCD and DRNI and Vanessa Moore, DRNI both presented at the webinar entitled "Women and Dementia: The Science and the Social Aspect". The presentations were followed by a lively Q&A session.

You can watch the full webinar by clicking [HERE](#).



2) DRNI upcoming webinars

DRNI are delighted to present two upcoming webinars in May, part of the Hot Topics in Dementia webinar series.

- The first webinar is entitled ***Dancing with Dementia - An exploration of dance as an intervention for persons with dementia***. Taking place on **Tuesday, 09**

Kelly, TUS Athlone. To register for the webinar please click [HERE](#).

- In a gear change, the second webinar will explore dementia and health economics. ***Economics of Dementia and Brain Health*** takes place **Thursday, 25 May at 12.00** and participants will hear from Dominic Trepel, TCD, Daniel Araya, TCD, and Men Hoang, TCD give an introduction to health economics and the economics of dementia and brain health. To register for this webinar, please click [HERE](#).

We hope you will be able to join us!

3) Survey: Public attitudes toward drug modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease in Ireland

Your contribution to a survey is needed!

Led by professor Iracema Leroi, School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin, a group of researchers and clinicians in Ireland have developed a survey to explore perspectives of people in Ireland regarding the new disease modifying drugs for Alzheimer disease. The study has received funding from the Irish Research Council, and is open to anyone aged 18 or over to complete.

To access the survey please click [HERE](#).



4) Roundtable event: Understanding the Potential of Clinical-Creative Partnerships to Improve Dementia Care

Engagement in the arts can play a significant role in Care Models for people living with dementia and their carers to support longer lives, better lived. This pilot project will engage with stakeholders and central figures in commissioning, care delivery, music in health facilitation and people living with dementia in Ireland.

GBHI fellow and cellist Grainne Hope is hosting '*Understanding the Potential of Clinical-*

as Healthcare Providers, Researchers, Educators & Policymakers.

- **Roundtable 1 - Wednesday May 3rd, 9.45 am-1 pm at the National Concert Hall, Dublin.**

Theme - Understanding the training and supports for musicians and healthcare staff for best practice outcomes in clinical-creative partnerships.

- **Roundtable 2- Friday May 5th, 9.45 am-1 pm at Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA), St. James Hospital, Dublin.**

Theme - Understanding the potential of clinical-creative partnerships in Acute Settings to support patients and the care environment.

- **Roundtable 3 - Tuesday 9th, 9.45 am - 1 pm , Kells Court House, Meath.**

Theme - Understanding the potential of clinical-creative partnerships in nursing homes and day Care settings to support people living with dementia and the care environment.

If you are interested in attending one or all roundtables, please contact Gráinne:

Grainne.Hope@gbhi.org / Grainne@musicandhealthireland.ie

Tel: 087-935 3276

For more information, click [HERE](#).

5) Researcher in Focus: Nicola Ward

This edition's Researcher in Focus is Nicola Ward, PhD researcher at the Centre for Public Health, Queen's University Belfast.

To learn more about Nicola's research, please click [HERE](#).

6) DRNI website

The DRNI website has undergone a facelift and is now back in action! The domain is still the same: www.dementianetwork.ie but new features include a more streamlined research database with improved search functions, as well as an enhanced members list.

Please bear with us while we iron out any potential outstanding issues!

7) Irish Dementia Café Network

The Irish Dementia Café Network is thrilled that many cafes have re-opened in

If you are interested in opening up a Dementia Café near you and would like support and training, please reach out to Michelle O'Hara at Michelle@EngagingDementia.ie

The relaunched Dementia Café in Donnybrook who is looking for a Dementia expert to either join the committee or to attend the cafes and give support and advice. This café is running the 2nd Thursday of every month from 7-9pm. If you can help, please contact info@alzheimercafe.ie or call 089 4712393.

8) Upcoming events

- DRNI Hot Topics in Dementia webinar
Dancing with Dementia - An exploration of dance as an intervention for persons with dementia takes place **Tuesday, 09 May at 11.00**. To register for the webinar please click [HERE](#).
- DRNI Hot Topics in Dementia webinar
Economics of Dementia and Brain Health takes place **Thursday, 25 May at 12.00**. To register for this webinar, please click [HERE](#).
- Engaging Dementia Annual Dementia Conference
Engaging Dementia's 15th International Dementia Conference will take place online this spring! A two-day online event, the conference will take place on **25-26 May 2023**. Day one is focusing on supports and services within the community, and day two showcases services relevant to the residential care sector. Those living with dementia and their carers will have free access to the conference. Click [HERE](#) for information and to book your place.
- Cognitive Stimulation Therapy workshop
Engaging Dementia are running a one day workshop on Cognitive Stimulation Therapy taught by Dr. Michelle Kelly, lecturer in Psychology, National College of Ireland and Accredited CST Trainer with over 8 years' experience in teaching. This 1-day CST course involves: practical teaching, group exercises, role-play and video observation. The focus is on interactive and participate learning, drawing on everyone's experience.
Date: Friday, 26th May | Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm | Online Book your place: <https://engagingdementia.ie/product/cognitive-stimulation-therapy-workshop-online/>
- Engaging People Living with Dementia in Conversation
Created and delivered by leading Speech and Language Therapist Dr. Suzanna Dooley, this newly developed one-day course is coming to Limerick.
Date: Friday, 19th May | **Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm, Milford Care Centre, Plassey Park Rd, Sreelane, Castletroy, Co. Limerick, V94 H795 **Book here:** <https://engagingdementia.ie/product/engaging-people-living-with-dementia-in->

- Green Prescription Techniques to Grow Engagement
Social and Therapeutic Horticulturist Joyce Fitzpatrick teaches nature based Green Care in this hands-on workshop in Dublin.

Date: Saturday 6th of May | Time: 09:30am to 4:00pm

Venue: WALK, 12 Walkinstown, Dublin, D12 AW22 **Book your place:**

<https://engagingdementia.ie/product/green-prescription-techniques/>



This email was sent to <<Email Address>>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Dementia Research Network Ireland · Mira Office No. 4, Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA), · MISA Building, St. James's Hospital · Dublin, D8 0000 · Ireland

