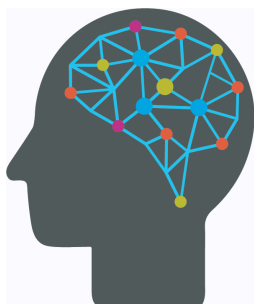


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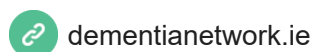
Welcome to the 22th issue of

DRNI CONNECT!

On this last day of summer, DRNI are happy to share this 22nd issue of DRNI CONNECT with you. In this edition you can read about the upcoming conference co-hosted by DRNI and The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, **The Science of Dementia for the Non-Scientist**. Taking place on September 12th in the LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, it promises to be a very interesting day. You can also read about **upcoming webinars** hosted by **The ASI** and the **European Brain Council**, and learn more about **World Alzheimer Month** and also about the **Irish Dementia Café Network**. Finally, our Researcher in Focus is **Dr. Jonathan Briody**, who talks all thing health economics research with us.


If you have any news, projects or events that you would like to see featured in DRNI CONNECT, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The Science of Dementia for the Non-Scientist - An exploration of dementia and the brain

Thursday 12th September
10:30am - 3:30pm

Lexicon Library, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin

This is a free public event for anyone who would like to learn more about dementia, brain function and dementia research

This event is supported by The Health Research Board



1) The Science of Dementia for the Non-Scientist

Together with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, DRNI are delighted to announce our joint conference *The Science of Dementia for the Non-Scientist - An exploration of dementia and the brain*.

Sponsored by the HRB, this in-person event was designed to help build an understanding of the science behind dementia and brain health. Taking place on **Thursday, September 12th** in the Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, the event will see presentations on dementia and the brain, brain health, and information on the recent treatment developments, as well as a personal perspective on living with dementia. The keynote speaker is Professor Ian Robertson who will speak on how we make and lose memories.

The event is free of charge, and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about dementia and the brain. For the full programme and to register, please click [HERE](#).

We hope to see you there!



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched their 2024 webinar series, entitled *Dementia Dialogues: Breaking Down Research*.

Running throughout the autumn, the webinar series will cover various dementia topics. The first webinar will kick off on September 4th with Professor Richard Roche of Maynooth University presenting on walking reminiscence interventions.

DRNI Principal Investigator and consultant in geriatric and stroke medicine at Tallaght University Hospital, Professor Sean Kennelly, will also take part in the webinar series. Professor Kennelly will present on the latest research into disease-modifying therapies and the changing dementia landscape in Ireland on **October 2nd at 11 am**.

For more information and to sign up, please click [HERE](#).

3) World Alzheimer Month: "Time to act on dementia, time to act on Alzheimer's"

World Alzheimer Month takes place annual from 01 - 30 September. The theme for 2024 is *Time to act on dementia, time to act on Alzheimer's*, which aims to highlight the positive steps and ongoing work by organisations and governments across the globe to develop a more dementia-inclusive society.

The HSE has a number of resources to support creating a dementia-inclusive community - some of these can be found below:

- www.understandtogether.ie/get-involved
- www.healthpromotion.ie
- <https://www.understandtogether.ie/training-resources/training-and-resources.html>

For additional resources or for support, contact understandtogether@hse.ie.



4) European Brain Council: Towards an EU Coordination Plan for the Brain

The European Brain Council are hosting their first webinar for the EU Health Policy Thematic Network "*Towards an EU Coordination Plan for the Brain*". The Thematic Network aims to unite stakeholders from across the brain community to develop

The webinar takes place on 05 September at 15.00-17.00 (CET). The brain community across Europe is encouraged to take part to give input and help shape this policy initiative.

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

5) Researcher in Focus: Jonathan Briody

This edition's Researcher in Focus is **Dr. Jonathan Briody**, health economist at the School of Population Health, RCSI, Dublin. Jonathan leads a team of researchers as head of Health and Economic Impact Modelling, and tells us more about his research and the importance of health economic modelling for dementia. To read on, please click [HERE](#).

6) Irish Dementia Café Network

The Irish Dementia Café Network is a network of dementia cafes around Ireland, each of which is run according to a set of shared principles and guidelines. A dementia cafe is a once monthly meeting for anyone who is affected by dementia, where people living with dementia, their families and friends, healthcare professionals, and people who are interested in supporting a dementia inclusive community, are all welcome to attend. To find a Dementia Cafe in your area, click [HERE](#).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Irish Dementia Café network, or to find out how to set up a café near you, please contact Michelle at Michelle@engagingdementia.ie

7) Upcoming Events

DRNI & ASI conference: The Science of Dementia for the Non-Scientist - An exploration of dementia and the brain.

- When: Thursday, September 12th 2024
- Where: LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
- Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-science-of-dementia-for-the-non-scientist-tickets-996061134667?aff=oddtcreator>

THE CLOUDSPOTTER By Michael J. Harnett

Directed by Vinnie McCabe, this play tells the story of a grandmother who is raising her troubled teenage grandson, all while she is starting to notice early signs of Alzheimer's Disease.

For further information, please contact Vincent McCabe at dublintouringtheatre@gmail.com



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