

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023.

Network Updates

UCC PPI online training course available

A free online PPI training course, open to researchers and postgraduate students all over Ireland is now available from UCC.



The course content is provided by academics and PPI contributors from across the national PPI Ignite Network, with some international contributors also.

- Complete the course at your own pace
- Choose topics of most relevance to you
- An excellent introduction to PPI
- Earn a digital PPI badge from UCC, if you wish

PPI Summer School UL - mark the diary now!



The Network welcomes...

We are delighted to welcome Cathal on board as a research support officer.

Before joining the Network, Cathal worked with the School of Psychology and the School of Nursing at University of Galway.

Previously, Cathal worked with Enable Ireland, at a time when Enable Ireland were implementing family-centred practice.



Patient & Public Involvement Liaison Officer Role

HRCI and UCD School of Medicine, are currently seeking a Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) Liaison to support the activities of a new Rare Disease Clinical Trial Network. This is an exciting opportunity to make sure that patients' voices are at the center of the design and execution of clinical trials. **Closing Date 15th February 2023.**

[Details here](#)

Remuneration of Patient Voice Partners - Department of Health opens a public consultation

The Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, published a draft national policy for the remuneration of certain categories of patient representatives, who sit on committees and working groups in the Irish health and social care sector.

Using the term **Patient Voice Partners** in this first of its kind draft policy, the Department of Health opened a public consultation on the policy, inviting individuals and organizations to respond by **1 March 2023**.

Although this is broader than the patient voice in research, (the focus of the PPI Ignite Network), the policy document is of great relevance to PPI in research landscape.

[Public consultation process overview](#)

[Patient Voice Partners draft policy](#)

PPI Contributors' Corner

Hearing the carer's voice


PPI Contributor Carmel Geoghegan writes eloquently in the Journal of Dementia about her personal, lived experience as a carer of the impact of receiving a diagnosis.

[Read the article](#)

Listening to the experience of PPI contributors

[Review article](#) | [Open Access](#) | [Published: 03 October 2022](#)

The experience of patient partners in research: a qualitative systematic review and thematic synthesis

[Jonathan Lauzon-Schittka](#), [Sophie Audette-Chapdelaine](#), [Denis Boutin](#), [Catherine Wilhelmy](#), [Anne-Marie Auger](#) & [Magaly Brodeur](#) 

[Research Involvement and Engagement](#) 8: Article number: 55 (2022) | [Cite this article](#)

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A systematic review searches for, and brings together, all the evidence on a specific topic and, when possible, combines and summarizes the evidence.

Have you wondered what is the experience of PPI contributors who partner with researchers?

In this paper, a group in Canada gathered all the evidence (in a systematic review) on the experience of patients as partners in research. [Read the Plain English Summary](#), which summarizes the key points.

You might be interested in looking at more detail in this paper or at one of the 41 different examples included in the report.

PPI Opportunity



JOIN OUR PPI PANEL


- Open to ANYONE aged 18+
- No experience necessary
- No computer skills, smart phones or internet needed
- Meetings/phone calls a few times per year
- We value your opinions!

Are you interested in cancer research ?

UCC Cancer Trials Group is a network of Cancer Clinical Trial Researchers in the Munster Region. We are developing a Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Panel and we want your help!

For More Information Please Contact :


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- [uccancertrials.ie](https://www.uccancertrials.ie)



UCC Cancer Trials Group
Cancer Research @UCC
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University College Cork


GET INVOLVED

USE YOUR VOICE
& CONTRIBUTE TO PATIENT-FOCUSED CANCER RESEARCH



Upcoming events

Remember to check our [Calendar of Events](#) regularly for events of relevance to PPI contributors and the public. Here are two events in particular:



ctg ART4knowledge
Art Therapy Workshops

Art therapy for **patients**, with or beyond a cancer diagnosis, their **key** and **clinical trials teams**.

Providing a holistic care pathway for patients with cancer and addressing their **overall participation** in clinical trials.

Art4knowledge is the first art therapy intervention for patients, families and clinical trials teams, to facilitate communication and experience of innovation, research, clinical trials, innovation and

NETWORKING CONFERENCE

RESEARCH ON CANCER SCREENING IN IRELAND: EXPLORING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH ACROSS CANCER TYPES

Friday 17th February 2023 - From 9:00 to 16:00
University of Galway, Arts Millennium Building, Room G605.

Networking event

- Research network meeting (10:00-11:00)
- Presentation of research findings (11:00-12:00)

Join us for five sessions

- Research presentation (12:00-13:00)
- Presentation of research findings (13:00-14:00)
- Presentation of research findings (14:00-15:00)
- Presentation of research findings (15:00-16:00)
- Presentation of research findings (16:00-17:00)

Public Involvement Enhancing Research (NI) Event HSC Research & Development Division 9 March 2023 10am – 12nd

Spotlight for Researchers



SPHERE
Strategic Patient Health Research Education
Health and Health Research Education

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SPHERE Programme Call for Projects 2023-2024

Currently open is the SPHERE programme's [Call for Projects](#) from PIs for the 2023-2024 academic year. Closing date **12 Noon on February 17th**. This call offers another opportunity to plan PhD research studies **with** the population at the centre of the research, and to embed their ongoing involvement into the research plan.

Spotlight on Events

Are you organizing a PPI event?

Make sure to use the Submit an event option on our online hub to reach a broad audience interested in PPI.

Events welcome from patient and community organizations, and researchers across Ireland, including those new to the PPI Ignite Network.

Participatory health research with migrants - Training application form

Training for researchers, community activists and organisations, health professionals and health advocates

Organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with the Irish Department of Health

Research, Policy and Health Education (RPH) Division, Dublin

Co-organized and co-funded by the Irish Health Research Council (IHRC), University of Limerick, St James's Hospital, Dublin, and the Health Research Council, New South Wales, Australia

Participatory Health Research with Migrants (PHRM) Project, funded by the Irish Department of Health

Spotlight on Resources

PPI: The role of the publisher

Public and patient involvement in research (PPI) is growing. Publishers are influential actors in...

[Learn More](#)

Podcasts of interest to the PPI Community

Have you ever produced or contributed to a podcast? If so, you will know that creating and publ...

[Learn More](#)

Keep in touch!

We encourage you to follow us on Twitter ([@PPI_Ignite_Net](#)) and visit our [online hub](#). Be part of the expansion and innovation in PPI across Ireland, bringing those whose future will be impacted by research results to the centre of research decision-making.

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