

# National PPI Festival 2025

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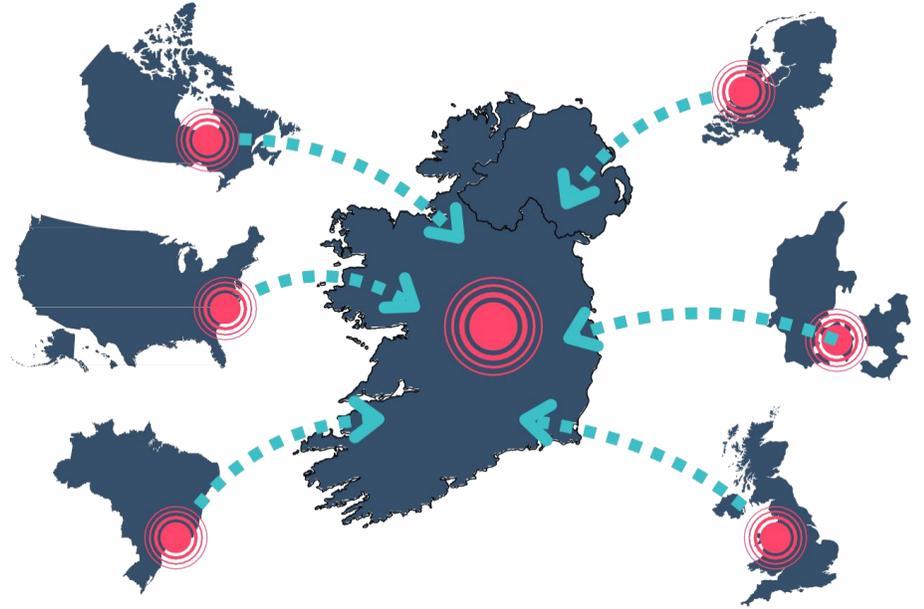
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**46+** Events

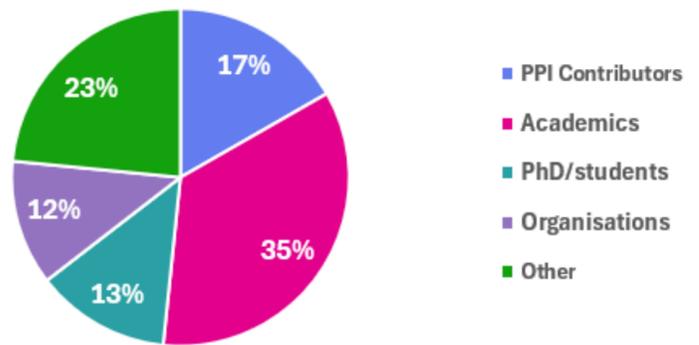
online & in-person  
across Ireland and  
beyond

Connecting researchers, the public, patients, carers, charities, community organisations and public sector employees



**1.4K+** Attendees

Encompassing the breadth and diversity of the PPI community across Ireland and additionally, an increase in international attendees, as well as in students, and in those new to PPI.



**38+** Organisers  
across Ireland and  
beyond

Reflecting the growth in PPI across an increased number of research area, the enthusiasm and commitment to PPI, and the increased reach of our fourth National PPI Festival.



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## A few recordings!!

Here are videos from some of the Festival events. (Click each heading to see video)



### The Launch

The launch of the festival showed just how essential PPI is to the research world. In this playlist, you'll find real insight into the PPI Ignite Network, inspiring examples of PPI in action, and so much more.

### On the PPI Journey

The opening of this event captured the heart of our shared dream: placing the public voice at the centre of research. In this recording, you'll hear stories of how far we've come, powerful reflections from youth researchers and public advisors, and hopeful conversations about the future.



### Numbers to Narratives

This event shines a light on meaningful patient and public involvement in health data research, exploring how we can make analytics more understandable, impactful, and responsive to real patient needs.

### PPI Ignite Network Impact

In three short videos, the Network's Public Advisory Board, national partners, and other key stakeholders reflect on the impact that the Network is having from their perspective.



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## Festival highlights – too many to mention!

Here are some key themes event across many events, contributing to an exciting, varied and inspiring month of PPI activity.



### Capacity Building

Many of the Festival workshops, debates and discussions provided capacity-building opportunities, strengthening attendees' confidence, skills, and understanding, to ensure meaningful involvement and partnership in all stages of the research cycle.

### Inclusion

The Festival brought together people from equity-deserving communities, including adults living with chronic or life-limiting conditions, and young people living with serious illness, sharing with us how they are currently working with researchers to help ensure greater equity in research.



### New Research Areas

Festival 2025 included a focus on PPI in data science, childhood obesity, intensive care, and in children's hospitals, to name some areas that had not featured in previous Festival programmes. These events opened our minds to how meaningful involvement of all groups is possible.



### Reaching New Audiences

A breast-feeding support group in Tralee, a community group in Ballyphehane, Cork a PPI stroll in St Stephen's Green, a workshop delivered by the Galway Community Circus – just some of the many Festival events that brought PPI to new audiences, inspiring creativity.



# The feedback you gave us....

***'I left with a renewed sense of hope in the incredible work researchers are doing to support those of us who face pain every day'***

*'Helped me to know more about the opportunities that I can contribute to as a medical student'*

*'Hearing the varying ways the researchers told their stories and hearing the questions and positive constructive criticism from the lived-experience panel. gives me hope!'*

**Thank you to all the organisers and attendees that helped make the festival such an outstanding success**

*'Hearing the breadth of stories of implementing PPI, from a patient, researcher and supervisor perspective.'*

*'A really worthwhile event with like minded people and a shared sense of equity in PPI'*

***'The PPI festival was yet another testament to what PPI Ignite Network has achieved.'***

***'Congratulations to all a super-busy month of events.'***

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