

CarerEngage Round Table 1 - Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) in Research with a Focus on Family Caring

Tuesday 13th October 2020, 11am-1pm (via Zoom)

Care Alliance Ireland and the UCC Institute for Social Science in the 21st Century, with funding from the Irish Research Council (New Foundations) invite you to the first in a series of free digital round table events taking place over the next 12 months. This series has been designed to address the project goals of centering and embedding family carers in the co-production of carer research, supports and policy. See the project website [here](#) for more details.

Pre-recorded presentations from Dr. Jon Salsberg (University of Limerick) and Dr. Nikki Dunne (Family Carers Ireland) will be available prior to the event - Aisling Harmon (PPI participant expert and family carer) will then provide the family carer perspective before participants break into groups to discuss their experiences to date, what works well and how the sector can respond to increasing need for PPI involvement.



- 1) Dr. Jon Salsberg: Meaningfully Involving Patients, Carers and other Members of the Public in Health Research.
- 2) Dr. Nikki Dunne & Jo Bergin: A reflection on the development of the Family Carers Research Advisory Network
- 3) Aisling Harmon: The Family Carer Perspective

All are welcome to attend; we would like to hear from researchers, academics, policy makers, family carers, students and anyone interested in furthering PPI in family carer research

To register for this FREE event please click: <http://bit.ly/CarerEngage1>

Speaker Details



Dr Jon Salsberg is Senior Lecturer in Primary Health Care Research – Public & Patient Involvement (PPI), in the University of Limerick's School of Medicine. Jon is a co-investigator on the HRB-funded PPI Ignite@UL, and site lead for UL's participation in the HRB's National PPI Network. Jon is co-author of Canada's Guide to Researcher and Knowledge-User Collaboration in Health Research, and was a founding member of Participatory Research at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Jon has undertaken partnered research involving a broad range of stakeholders including patients, health practitioners, community organisations, policy makers and health service decision-makers, and has worked extensively with Indigenous communities.



Dr Nikki Dunne joined Family Carers Ireland in March 2019. As the organisation's Research Officer, she leads Family Carers Ireland's programme of research and manages a diverse range of qualitative and quantitative projects relating to family carers. She is particularly focusing on building and coordinating research involvement and engagement among family carers, researchers and other stakeholders.



Jo Bergin is a family carer and mother to three children, aged 11, 13 and 29, all of whom have special needs. She has a background in nursing for over 20 years and also has experience as a care assistant. Jo has an interest in research that makes a difference to the lives of carers and the people with special needs and is passionate about having the carers' voice included in research in a meaningful way. Jo has first-hand knowledge of the difference early diagnosis and treatment can have on children and is eager to share her experience of caring without proper supports in place.



Aisling Harmon returned to Ireland in 2006 to care for her father with Alzheimer's disease, and now her mother with advanced Parkinson's disease and dementia. Recently retired from 16 years osteopathic private practice, she has a keen interest in PPI and the translation of research to policy and soon hopes to resume Post Grad study interrupted by Covid Pandemic. She has key transferable academic and clinical skills from her former practitioner and teaching roles. She has extensive PPI experience as Expert Panellist/ Speaker/ Advocate/ ResearchParticipant/Project Advisory Group representative/ HRB Funding Co-Applicant across a broad audience ranging from Academia to Not for Profit sectors, and contributing to policy dialogue with public and state bodies. She has previous lobbying experience at both national and European level. She participated in the Irish Patient Education Programme (IPPOSI) in 2019