



Kerry Lawless

The IPPOSI Patient Education Programme really broadened my horizons. I met and made connections with an amazing bunch of people who taught me a huge amount. I learnt so much about the lengths patients and their families go to in order to help others. I am in awe of the way patient advocates are fighting to improve healthcare services and health outcomes, not just for themselves but for everyone in Ireland. Those of us with chronic conditions need to work together for a more personalised form of medicine. I am looking forward to more network opportunities and to, hopefully, effecting real change in Public and Patient Involvement in Healthcare.

Experience/Areas of Interest

- Graduate, 2019 IPPOSI Patient Education Programme
- Interested in the economic and social cost of late and missed diagnosis
- Interested in personalised models of medicine
- Passionate about meaningful PPI and patients shaping healthcare policy
- MA in Political Communication, PhD candidate in Science and Health Communications in DCU.

Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Chronic Lyme disease patient
- Living with breast cancer and complications from surgery for breast cancer
- At risk from inadequate screening for women with breast density
- Trustee and patient volunteer at the Lyme Resource Centre, Ireland
- Volunteer with Tick Talk Ireland.
- Public speaker, researcher and advocate