



## Ann Twomey

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I attended the IPPOSI Patient Education Programme 2019 representing The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. It was a journey of enlightenment into the realms of clinical trials, drug regulations, health technology regulations and ultimately drug approval. Dementia is a WHO 'World Health Priority' to which all Governments must respond with a National Dementia Strategy and essential to this process is Public Patient Involvement (PPI). The experiences of patient experts on the course are of great benefit to me for my role advocating for supports/services for carers of people living with dementia and in promoting policy change for the full implementation of the Irish National Dementia Strategy.

### Experience/Areas of Interest

- Awareness raising on the importance of research into early diagnosis and treatments for dementia
- Lobbying for implementation of the National Dementia Strategy
- I deliver an annual lecture on "The Carer's Role" to students on the M.Sc. Dementia UCC and as part of the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Dementia) UCC
- Interested in Assistive Technology for people living with dementia
- Graduate IPPOSI Patient Education Programme 2019

### Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Carer to my late husband who had Vascular Dementia.
- CoFounder K-CoRD (Kinsale Community Response to Dementia) Genio Dementia Programme 2012-2015
- Representative member EIP-AHA (European Innovation Partnership on Active Healthy Ageing with Dementia Sub Group) 2013-2015
- Committee Member DCCN (Dementia Carers Campaign Network)
- Member Advocates Advisory Board DRNI (Dementia Research Network Ireland)
- Member National Advisory Group to the HSE National Dementia Office