



A Voice for Palliative Care in  
Ireland



**Irish Association  
for Palliative Care**

## October Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our updated newsletter!

As we approach our upcoming Annual General Meeting and Lecture Series with Dr. Rebecca Tiberini on November 23rd, we would like to share with you our October updates. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this important event.

We are thrilled to inform our esteemed members that the Irish Association for Palliative Care has received a special invitation from the Joint Committee on Assisted Dying. This crucial invitation extends to our participation in their upcoming public hearing on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 11 am. The focus of the meeting will revolve around the pivotal theme of "Ensuring Access to Palliative Care and Social Supports.

On November 1st, Dr. Hannah Linane spoke on Newstalk FM about her experience as a Palliative Care Dr. and how the IAPC endorses compassionate end of life care in the discussion of Assisted Dying. You can listen to the full interview at this link [here](#).

In the run up to our AGM, we are actively seeking expressions of interest for new board members. If you or someone you know is passionate about our mission, please don't hesitate to reach out to your colleagues or get in touch with us directly.

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We would also like to report a great response to our recent call for Seminar Abstracts, reflecting the robust engagement and unwavering support of our community. Thank you for being an integral part of our continued success.

Our forums remain an engaged hub of discussion and collaboration, working towards our shared goals and objectives. Our Nursing, Ethics and Pharmaceutical Forums held successful meetings during October, with future dates to be announced soon.

Lastly, we extend our gratitude to Dr. Ciara McGrath & Dr. Maria Walsh for conducting a highly successful workshop on October 19th, focusing on the transformative potential of Telehealth in Palliative Care. A link to this workshop can be provided by emailing [admin@iapc.ie](mailto:admin@iapc.ie).

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.



Don't Miss Out! The Irish Hospice Foundation invites applications for the Local Bereavement Development grants. The deadline for submissions is 5 pm on Friday, 17th of November 2023. To apply, download the form from the link below and submit it via email to: [bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie](mailto:bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie).

[Learn More](#)

### [Have Your Say in Shaping Palliative Care Research](#)

Join Marie Curie, celebrating 75 years of supporting those affected by terminal illness as we support their research drive to enhance end-of-life care. Take just 10 minutes to complete their survey, shaping research priorities for improved care. Open to participants in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Spread the word to those who might be interested. Thank you for your support!

[Complete Survey Here](#)



**Exciting News:** LauraLynn Children's Hospice Expands to the West!

Great news! Ireland's only Children's Hospice, LauraLynn, is extending its reach to the West of Ireland, operating from Ballinasloe, County Galway. With a mission to bring exceptional care directly to families, their new community-based team will provide in-home hospice and palliative care. Families in the Midlands, West, and North West can now access specialized services, including respite and holistic support, ensuring comfort and ease during challenging times.

[Learn more](#)

**Dates for your Diary:**

**2nd November:** Early bird registration opens for the 6th All Island Children's Palliative Care Conference

**15th - 17th November:** International Seminar of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care, further details can be found [here](#)

**17th November:** Local Bereavement Development Grant closing date

**23rd November:** IAPC AGM and Lecture Series with Rebecca Tiberini



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