



# NEWSLETTER

Vol. 01

The Dublin Neurological Institute  
at The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital



## WELCOME

Welcome to our latest DNI newsletter. The DNI relies on funding to stay open, teach & train staff while providing the best care for our patients along with participating in research.

If you would like to support the DNI please scan the donation QR code below.



## THE DNI 2023 RECAP

Join us as we take a look back at key fundraising events that took place throughout 2023 along with research projects and much more.



[Read More](#)

# THE SKY IS THE LIMIT



This year the DNI was fortunate to have not one but two patients who decided to sky dive in order to raise fund for the DNI as well as our Parkinson's research department.

Yvonne (pictured right) completed a sky dive for the DNI and as a result raised €10k. We reached out to Yvonne to ask her about her sky dive & what it meant to her, see below.

*"I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease (young onset) by the Dublin Neurological Institute nearly five years ago. Following a very informative & constructive consultation with Prof. Timothy Lynch he asked would I assist in fundraising for PD research.*

*Being more than delighted to help in a very positive manner I immediately consulted my "bucket list" and chose Sky Dive , something I'd always wanted to do.*

*Combining this fundraising idea with my 60th birthday party and jumping with my son Luke from 13,000 feet , I managed to raise €10,000 for the DNI.*

*For myself , it showed I could still be active and useful despite my illness. I am currently under the care of Prof. Richard Walsh , who has been extremely supportive of me on my PD journey."*

Nicola (pictured on the right) is a patient who is currently taking part in our freezing of gait research project in which she received a Parkinson's assistance dog named Nemo (also pictured left) to help with movement and to prevent freezing.

Nicola along with her friends and family completed a sky dive to raise funds for our Parkinson's research department in the DNI.

As a result Nicola along with her family and friends raised over €7k



01 854 5038

Fundraising@dni.ie

57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF

# 21ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Blue September sky's & 20 degree heat can only mean one thing & that's the DNI Annual Golf Classic.

Year in and year out the sun never fails to shine on what is always a glorious fundraising event at the Hermitage Golf Club in Lucan.

This year was no different as our 26 teams teed off at 1pm. The teams consisted of 4 people - with 2 to score on each hole.



## ALL SMILES

It was all smiles for our winning team which was captained by Michael Maher (pictured right).

Michael has been playing in the DNI Golf Classic for a number of years & an overdue win was on the cards.

A special mention to our event sponsors Echelon along with all the other businesses and patients who support this particular event.





# CROKE PARK

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the 7th of February 2023 we hosted our annual Leadership event in Croke Park. In 2023 our event consisted of a star studded panel with Stuart Lancaster, Jim Gavin, Stacey Flood & Paul Flynn. The event was hosted by the one and only Marty Morrissey who amplifies the entertainment at any event.

During the event Stuart & Jim gave impressive presentations on leadership, while Stacey and Paul gave their input from a players point of view.

Overall the feedback from our event was extremely positive.

If you are interested in attending our 2024 Leadership event please email [fundraising@dni.ie](mailto:fundraising@dni.ie)

### ALL STAR PANEL



Stuart Lancaster




Jim Gavin



Stacey Flood



Paul Flynn

 01 854 5038

 [Fundraising@dni.ie](mailto:Fundraising@dni.ie)

 57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF





# AMERICAN SUPPORT

We have been extremely fortunate to have the support of Morris Regan in New York who supports the DNI fundraising team by helping to organise a presentation that helps the DNI raise important funds through our USA supporters for our charity.

We would like to thank Morris Regan & our USA supporters for their continued support.

## A SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Mary Healy who has been chair of our fundraising committee for the last number of years. Mary played a crucial role in the success of our fundraising efforts in recent years & we would like to wish her every success going forward.


We would also like to welcome Suzanne Dempsey on board as she steps in as chair of the DNI fundraising committee. We are excited to have Suzanne on board and know that she will be a great addition to our team.



Mary Healy



Suzanne Dempsey

 01 854 5038

 Fundraising@dni.ie

 57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF



# RESEARCH

Research in the DNI has really ramped up in the past year with the expansion of our Research Team and the beginning of some new and exciting research projects. Over the year 150+ people volunteered to participate in a number of ongoing research studies with themes including, eye tracking, Parkinson's Assistance dogs, Balance and Brain activation, as well as Deep Brain Stimulation. While some studies kicked off during the year projects were wrapped up, and the results of these research projects were shared far and wide through conferences, congresses and even radio programs!

The upcoming year also looks to be full of innovative new research endeavours spanning new research themes and using novel technologies. This year we are joined by Master's Student, Tom from Trinity College Dublin, who will carry out research into causes and predictors of Falls during activities of daily living using motion sensors and pressure sensing insoles. As well, Research Registrar Eoghan, will begin his MD research through the exploration of new novel technologies in optimizing treatments and assessing the benefits of Deep Brain Stimulation.


We have a number of exciting research opportunities for people to take part in during the coming year, covering a wide range of topics.

- Falls Modeling: Explaining and predicting the cause of Falls in People with neurological Conditions.
- Understanding challenges in Battery Charging in rechargeable Deep Brain Stimulators.
- Evaluating differences patterns of Eye Movement in Parkinsonian Related Conditions.
- Quantifying Changes in speech and Gait with Deep Brain Stimulation, using novel Technology

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are interested in taking part in any of our ongoing research projects, or would like to hear more about them, please don't hesitate to contact our Research Coordinators John Inocentes and Clodagh O'Keeffe by phone at +08032645 or by email at [research@dni.ie](mailto:research@dni.ie)

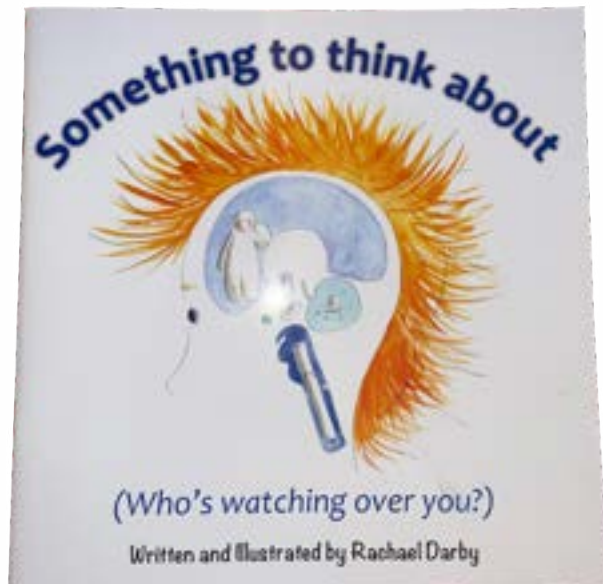


 01 854 5038

 [Fundraising@dni.ie](mailto:Fundraising@dni.ie)

 57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF

# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



The Dublin Neurological Institute (DNI) has published children's book to teach children and parents alike about the brain.

Something to Think About explains in a fun, informative and educational way how the brain works and why brain health is so important. The book can be purchased by hitting the Add to Cart button at the end of this article.

This beautifully illustrated book, aimed at primary school children, follows the story of **Jack**, a little boy who doesn't care for his brain. When Jack's brain begins to get tired, different parts begin to take "time off" and the reader discovers all of the important work the brain does.

## WIN A FREE PACK OF BOOKS

To win a free 25 pack of 'Something to think about' childrens books please email [fundraising@dni.ie](mailto:fundraising@dni.ie) with the your answer to the following question:

**What is the name of the little boy in the children's book 'Something to think about' ?**

A) James

B) Jack

C) John

\*Prizes available while stock lasts

01 854 5038

Fundraising@dni.ie

57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF

# HOW TO DONATE?

---



To donate to the Dublin Neurological Institute (DNI) simply scan our QR code on the right.


Alternatively you can visit our website, [www.neurologicalinstitute.com](http://www.neurologicalinstitute.com) and click our donate button in the top left hand side of the screen.

If you would like to donate by cheque please call in or post it to 57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7.



The Dublin Neurological Institute would like to thank our supporters for their ongoing & continued support throughout the years.

As a charity we rely heavily on our fundraising events and to have such committed supporters is a tremendous help.

 01 854 5038

 [Fundraising@dni.ie](mailto:Fundraising@dni.ie)

 57 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. D07W7XF

