

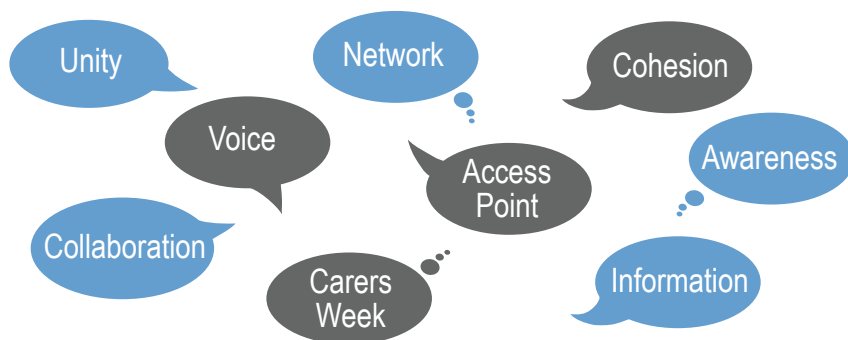
Our 88 member organisations were recently invited to take part in a short survey. Here are some of their responses;

100%

of respondents would recommend other NGO's to join Care Alliance.

Impact

When asked about our organisations impact, key words repeatedly used by repondents include;



Most Valued Activities

The four key activities of our organisation that they valued most were;



Some Quotes from Members

“ Care Alliance provides a cohesive voice for the vast number of organisations who engage with Family Carers and is a central source for care related research. The Carers Association found the analysis of Census data and their research into former carers particularly useful”.

Clare Duffy
Social Policy Manager
The Carers Association

Care Alliance Ireland has provided us with valuable links to other organisations working with carers, giving us an opportunity to profile the work we do with carers and share information about resources and new developments in the sector.

Avril Easton - Project Leader
Dementia Friendly Communities
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Through our associations involvement with Care Alliance Ireland we have began to think beyond what is required for the individual with disability or needs support. Involvement with Care Alliance has given us the opportunity to consider how we might be more supportive to individuals network supports rather than just individuals which has been the ethos of our Association. Personally I find the Alliance provides a vast array of information on all types of subjects. It has also been a major facilitator for organisations similar to ourselves in relation to considering the future for service deliverers.

Michael Doyle - Director of Assisted Living Service
Irish Wheelchair Association

The alliance provided assistance with strategy development in relation to services within this sector. It allows us not to duplicate other organisations and to develop worthwhile services where there are gaps.

Fintan Breen - Head of National Services
Irish Red Cross

Supporting The Irish Hospice Foundation in achieving greater recognition of the role that carers play in end of life care.

Marie Lynch
Programme Development Manager
Irish Hospice Foundation

“ An opportunity to make a submission - its great to know Care Alliance has the carers issues covered on our behalf. Making you aware of a funding opportunity - again you do this regularly in e-mails / newsletters. Responding to a particular query you may have had - you always get back to queries promptly”.

Ava Battles - CEO
The Multiple Sclerosis Society
of Ireland

“ We appreciate the emails that we receive on an on-going basis. They are very informative and keep us informed of upcoming events and resources that are relevant to our organisation and our members and parents”.

Edel Browne - Manager: Family Support Services
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland

Care Alliance Ireland have provided RehabCare with feedback on proposals to ensure it considers carers perspective needs. Care Alliance Ireland have been supportive in supporting lobbying to ensure services include carers needs.

**Kris Dhondt - HBS Manager
RehabCare**

The access to relevant up to date information on the Carer Sector is most valuable to us and Care Alliance is our access point when we are seeking information regarding the Sector. The provision of information and contacts from Care Alliance has assisted us greatly for submission purposes and awareness of funding opportunities.

**John Fitzsimons - Manager
St. Andrew's Resource Centre**

“ We often circulate information, that you e-mail out, to our members and on various internet fora. Keeping up to date with developments with this illness internationally, alongside our various activities, is quite demanding for an all-volunteer organisation like us, so we are not that focused on carers as we could be; so we are grateful that you are creating information that can be easily disseminated, especially information with regard to matters in Ireland”.

**Chair of Condition Specific
Organisation**

Yesterday we received a grant from HSE West and only became aware of the application through a link you sent.

**Jennifer Carpenter
Hand in Hand**

“ Great to have an organisation that can represent us as a whole, it makes us a stronger and clearer voice. Having Care Alliance come to meet us in our little centre was a great acknowledgement of our efforts and we appreciated it tremendously”.

**Anita Hayes
Volunteer Ciunas Centre
Complimentary Care for Carers**

For my own role, I find the highlighting of relevant submissions particularly useful.

**Cliona McCormack
Research and Policy Officer
Irish Heart Foundation**

Co-ordination of National Carers Week including promotion of events. Production of high quality reports and handbooks and promotion of research into the lives of Carers. Being a one stop resource for Carer focused Policy Reports, Booklets, Research Reports, and European Reports.

**Sally-Ann Back
West Cork Carers Support Group**

Being a member helps us maintain a focus on the carer relationship for our members.

**Keith Adam - CEO
The Parkinsons Association of Ireland**

“ Care Alliance keep us aware and up to date on what is going on regarding caring throughout the country”.

**Renée Geary
Caring for Carers, Limerick Branch**