



# VOICES 4 CARE

Improving the Palliative Care Experience

**Do you want to make a difference for people with an illness or condition which may limit or shorten their lives?**

Yes? Then All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC) wants to hear from you. Through Voices4Care we are committed to having the views of patients and their families at the heart of what we do.

We have established a forum of patients, carers, and communities, reflecting the diversity in our societies, ensuring that their voices are heard.

Membership is now (summer 2016) being renewed and we are looking for new volunteers. Joining Voices4Care will give you the chance to be part of something that can make a real difference, and influence palliative care education, research, policy and practice.

Voices4Care members from across the island of Ireland are:

- Patients or service users receiving palliative care,
- Carers or former carers of people with palliative care needs,
- People from the wider community interested in palliative care.

Members will have meaningful opportunities to influence and inform palliative care in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, through participation in service user/carers groups and consultation events.

*‘It just gives you the confidence and it’s amazing... it has definitely changed my life’*

Voices4Care member

## What have Voices4Care representatives been involved in?

- **‘Let’s Talk About’**: design, engagement and analysis of a survey involving more than 500 people who had experience of palliative care
- Palliative care awareness videos
- Participation in palliative care **public awareness** campaigns
- Informing The Palliative Hub websites - [www.thepalliativehub.com](http://www.thepalliativehub.com)
- Identifying palliative care **research** priorities
- **Consultation** on palliative care developments in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
- AIIHPC **governance** structures

Support is provided to members, as well as payment of reasonable out of pocket expenses.

### Find out how you can be involved

Please visit our website: [www.aiihpc.org](http://www.aiihpc.org)

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*‘...it has informed me that I can now have the courage to go out and do something about it’*

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