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## Sexual health in Ireland: Have your voice heard

### Project information

**We are looking for members of the public to advise on the development and implementation of the Irish National Survey of Sexual Health (INISH): a nation-wide, representative study on sexual health in Ireland.**

### Who are we?

The study is a collaboration between the Health Promotion Research Centre at University of Galway and the Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme of HSE Ireland.

### What is this study about?

We are seeking the most effective method(s) for conducting a nationally representative survey on sexual health in Ireland. The study will enhance our understanding of sexual health in Ireland, contributing to evidence-based policies and services that better serve the needs of our communities. To ensure inclusivity and representation of all voices, we are forming two Public and Patient Involvement Panels to advise on project design, implementation, and outputs.

- One panel will consist of the members of the public. We are seeking participants from different backgrounds, genders, sexualities, communities and places of origin, to represent the diversity of the contemporary Irish Society.
- The other panel will include members of various organizations who advocate for, and aim to improve the lives of, various minority groups. Organizations who represent LGBTI+ individuals, sex workers, immigrants, prisoners, drug users and other minority groups will be asked to take part.

We warmly welcome your participation in these panels.

### Who will be on the stakeholder panel?

The two panels will be made up of up to 25 adults in total from different backgrounds, representing diverse genders, age groups, ethnicities, sexual identities, social classes, and health needs.

### Why should I join this study?

By being part of the INISH study's Public and Patient Involvement Panels, you will have a direct impact on shaping sexual health research in Ireland. Your insights will contribute to development of evidence-based policies, programs, and services that are responsive to the diverse needs of our communities.



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Additionally, you will have the opportunity to collaborate closely with a team of researchers, clinicians, and other stakeholders, thus forging partnerships that promote positive change.

### What does taking part in the stakeholder panel involve and how long will it take?

Panel members will be asked to commit to participating in one initial meeting with the research team, and in twelve group meetings lasting around one hour each over the course of 5 years, with the rest of the panel members.

### Where are meetings held?

All meetings will be held online via Zoom.

### Is participation confidential?

Yes. All panel members will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement.

### Will I be compensated for my time?

In recognition for their time and contribution, all panel members will be given €25 at the end of each meeting.

### Where can I find more information?

If you are interested in joining the PPI panels, please scan the QR code to register your interest.



We are looking forward to getting your application! All applicants will be informed of their selection by email. For any inquiries, please contact us at [inish@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:inish@universityofgalway.ie). Thank you for sharing this invitation with others who might be interested in contributing to this critical research effort.