

THE CITIZENS' JURY

An initiative of the Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science and Industry

WHAT WILL THE JURY DELIBERATE?

How can genomic information improve our health as individuals and as a society? What are the safeguards that need to be in place to maximise progress while containing the risks? To what extent should we support the increased use of genomics in our health care and health research?

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT?

Thanks to important breakthroughs in science, as humans, we are able to learn more and more about our human genome (the complete set of DNA that makes up our body). We can use this genomic information to improve our own health as individuals, and by collecting this information at the population level, improve the health of our society. But this information belongs to people, and those people should have a say in how genomic information should be used in Ireland for health care and health research.

PLEASE NOTE

Jurors will receive €400 for their participation in the jury: €25 at the end of day one and a second payment of €375 on the final day for taking part in the entire process. The jury sessions will be recorded, but will not be published.

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?

Anyone over 18 years of age, living in the Republic of Ireland is welcome to apply to join our Citizens' Jury*. You just need to complete a short application form to express your interest. We will contact you in April to let you know whether you have been randomly selected as one of the 25 jurors. You can accept or decline our invitation.

*The term Citizens' Jury is from the Jefferson Centre model, we welcome all individuals, citizens and non-citizens.

WHEN AND HOW WILL THE JURY TAKE PLACE?

The Jury will take place in June 2022. There will be an online pre-jury session (5 hours), 3-4 online evening 'witness testimony' session (6-8 hours), and an in-person 'jury deliberation' session (6 hours, Saturday, in Dublin). There will also be a technical check and a briefing with the facilitator in May 2022.

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How genomic information can improve our health as individuals and as a society, to what extent we should support the increased use of genomics in our health care and health research, the challenges and opportunities that arise from doing so, and the safeguards that need to be put in place to maximise progress while containing the risks.

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Thanks to important breakthroughs in science and technology, we are learning more and more about our human genome (the complete set of DNA that makes up our body). At an individual level, access to this genomic information can be used to understand diseases and improve our personal health. At a societal level, collecting this genomic information can guide improvements in public health. We need to understand what the Irish public believes are the best approaches to allow us to conduct genomics-based research and health care that benefits everybody.

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