

Lorraine Dempsey



Lorraine has been a member of the Board of Rare Diseases Ireland since 2014. She is Chairperson of the Special Needs Parents Association and is also on the Board of Inclusion Ireland.

Lorraine acted as a Parent Advisor on the Cross Sectoral Implementation Group with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, overseeing the national framework to support children with disabilities at preschool. She was also a Parent Representative, on the Transforming Lives (Disability Services

Implementation Framework) at the Health Service Executive. She worked as an Organisational Representative on the Domiciliary Care Allowance Implementation Group at the Department of Social Protection.

Lorraine won Volunteer Ireland's 'Volunteer of the Year Award'- in the Health and Disability Category in 2013

Lorraine was formerly a Registered Nurse. She is a mother of four, a volunteer and a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. As a parent of a child with disabilities she is motivated by her lived experience coupled with a desire for all people with disabilities and their families to have full and meaningful lives.