

Anne Lawlor



Anne is a founding member and chairperson of the 22q11 Ireland Support Group. The organisation, set up in 2007 supports families affected by 22q deletion syndrome and works towards improving health and social care services for those affected by this and other rare conditions.

In her leadership position Anne is a driver of real change. She networks extensively with local, national and international researchers, clinicians and mental healthcare professionals. Anne is recognised for her ability to draw people together and is well known both in Ireland and abroad as a true rare disease advocate. A recipient of a 2017 Global Genes Rare Champion of Hope Award Anne also accepted a GSK Health Impact Award and a Charity Impact Award (The Wheel) on behalf of 22q11 Ireland in 2017.

Dedicated to raising awareness of 22qDS, a poorly understood and under-recognised condition, Anne completed a Masters in Management of Community and Voluntary Groups and works in a voluntary capacity with 22q11 Ireland. She lives in Dublin with her daughter Áine, aged 34, who was diagnosed with 22qDS aged 15.

