



Annual Carers Forum: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Presented by Zoe Hughes, Senior Policy & Research Officer



## **Care Alliance Ireland: Some Background**

- Umbrella Organisation supporting not-for-profit groups who provide supports for family carers
- Focus mainly on policy, research and macro-advocacy
- Since Covid19, we have increased our online support offerings for family carers;
  - 5,000+ members of our Online Family Carer Support Group
  - Employment readiness supports; Kaleidoscope, Return-Ready and Re-Emerge



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Lisa Dunne - Project Coordinator Re-emerge Project



Amy Lavelle - Project Manager Re-emerge Project

### Re-emerge Project Objectives & Outputs

#### In keeping with Pobal objectives, we aim to support;

- The personal and social development of persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged.
- The educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged.

#### Our goal outputs are;

- 16 family carers progressing to further education
- 80 family carers engaged in employment training
- 12 family carers returning to paid employment





## Outcomes

#### **Direct Outcomes:**

- Increased opportunities for career progression for Family Carers
- Increase in employment skills/employability for Family Carers

#### **Indirect Outcomes:**

- Decreased feelings of social isolation and loneliness
- Increased feelings of confidence
- Increase feelings of over all wellbeing



# Unique Aspects of the Project

- In addition to family carers returning to employment, the project is open to family carers who have recently returned to employment with the aim of increasing retention.
- Training budget, replacement care costs and assistive technology to support learners.
- Increase in well being interventions.
- Increase in 1-2-1 supports. Project staff are trained in IT and life coaching.
- Delivered completely online. Workshop recordings stored in secure portal for flexibility.









## How does it work?

Family carers complete registration form and are contacted by staff to arrange induction.

Participants receive monthly timetable of activities. All workshops are delivered via Zoom. Zoom links to join live are sent via email.

Participants can avail of 1-2-1 meetings with project staff to support with life coaching, IT training, job search/prep, course sourcing etc.

Participants choose which workshops are most relevant to them and they can take part for the entirety of the project, March '23 – March '24.





## Sample Timetable



#### **APRIL TIMETABLE**

Contact Amy with any questions T: 085 2683589 E: amy@carealliance.ie

DAY/DATE	TIME	TOPIC	TIME	TOPIC
TUESDAY 18.04	9:30 10:30	Siel Bleu Exercise Class Week One		
		week one		
WEDNESDAY 19.04	11:00 12:00	Introduction to LinkedIn		
25101	12:00	REC		
THURSDAY	10:00	#IAmRemarkable - learn the	14:00	Reflexology for relaxation &
20.04	12:30	importance of self-promotion	16:00	rejuvenation by Ciúnas Centre
TUESDAY	9:30	Siel Bleu Exercise Class	14:00	Starting point with finding a
25.04	10:30	Week Two	15:00	career
WEDNESDAY	11:00	IT Skills - This session will also	14:00	TT 4 2 4 area slate with Arm
26.04	12:00	cover the ICDL entry exam	16:00	IT 1-2-1 open slots - with Amy
THURSDAY	10:00	Core Values -	14:00	1-2-1 Check In/PDP open slots -
27.04	12:00	Listen & discuss	16:00	with Lisa

Registration required

Please book with Lisa/Amy if you would like a 1-2-1 meeting.

No registration required. Zoom link will be sent to all participants REC = Recorded

All other sessions are not recorded

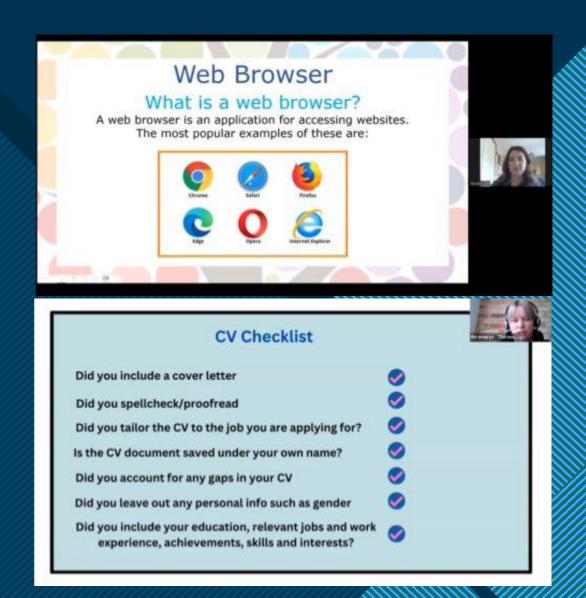


## Project Activities

#### **Practical Training**

- Career coaching
- CV & Interview prep
- IT training
- Job sourcing
- Further education support





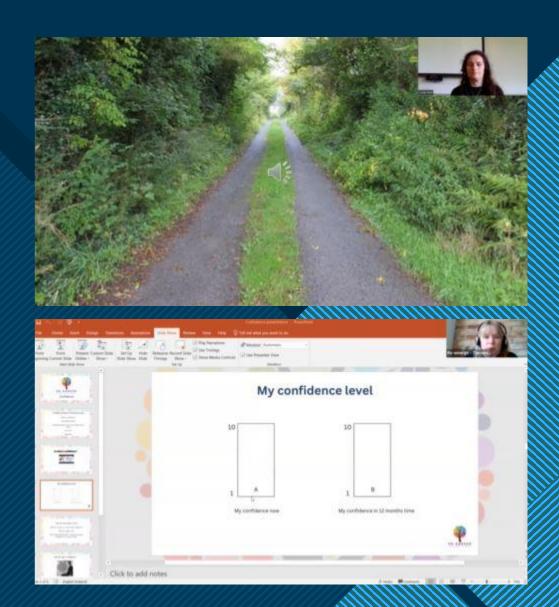


## **Project Activities**

#### Mental Health Support

- Access to mental health support groups
- Mindfulness/Meditation
- Confidence building
- Peer interaction







## **Project Activities**

# Physical Health Supports

- Nutritional Education
- Yoga
- Exercise classes







## **Project Status**

- First group of fully inducted participants began taking part in workshops in April.
- Registration and screening is ongoing until end of June 2023.
- We are delighted to be collaborating with numerous Irish not for profits throughout the project. We are currently working with Siel Bleu, Ciunas Centre, Empower with intentions to develop content with Aware & Irish Hospice Foundation in the near future.
- We are actively engaging with other grantees of the *DAF Supports for Family Carers* including Young Carers 2022 2024 measure to support and advise one another.









"I'm so grateful to you all at Care Alliance that I can be a part of this journey."

- Re-emerge Participant











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