

Dental Health Foundation Ireland **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/93772>)**

Dental Health Foundation Ireland (DHF) is a dynamic and vital organisation, at the forefront of improving oral health in Ireland, through advocacy and oral health promotion. Founded more than 40 years ago from within the dental profession, we adopt proactive engagement across all platforms in working alongside Government, health and dental professionals, national and local organisations, and the public. We encourage thinking and positive action around oral and all body health both nationally and internationally. Our core values of respect, trust, and innovation underpin our aim to promote excellence as we strive to provide unbiased information on oral health to those who need it.

What We Do

- Produce advice and information to reduce oral health inequalities and to empower the public to make healthier lifestyle choices.
- Promote partnership with similar organisations to effect positive change through robust collaborations.
- Actively advocate for oral health by participating in relevant policy and advisory bodies.
- Work alongside the education and community sectors to keep our oral health awareness message relevant and topical to the broad public audience.
- Provide Secretariat Services to the Government on oral health.

What We Believe is Important

We believe that oral health is the gateway to all body health. It is a dynamic and multifaceted system enabling us to speak, smile, smell taste, touch, chew, swallow and convey a range of emotions through our facial expression with confidence and without pain or discomfort.

Oral Health is an essential part of overall health and wellbeing which also enhances social interaction and promotes self-esteem.

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